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Board of Fire Engineers Board, Committee, Office, Etc.

Date: May 4, 2015 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: Asst. Chief Piscitelli (vacation)

Minutes from April 27, 2015 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Chief Rudge welcomed Robert Silver to the Board. Chief Rudge explained how the Board works and some of Asst. Chief Silver's responsibility. Board members added their welcome and their support.

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Final review and approval will be done when a full Board is present.

REVIEW PRE-INCIDENT PLAN - STELLAR INDUSTRIES

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REVIEW PRE-INCIDENT PLAN - MILL TEX

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OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Rudge will be out-of-town from 5/8 through 5/18/15.
- Chief Rudge updated Asst. Chief Silver on the following: Engine 5 will be toned for all single engine calls in Engine 3's district, new recruit Chris Bruinsma was assigned to Station 3 to build up the roster, Board members will draw up a set of questions to be asked during the interviews for the captain's position at Station 3, the Board will need a recommendation for the position from Asst. Chief Silver and the members of Station 3.
- FF. Chris Pageau met with the Board to say he is ready to return to active duty. Board members welcomed him back.
- The Board was notified that funding for the self-contained breathing apparatus has been secured.
- There was nothing new to report on the ALICE training.
- Town meeting is tomorrow night. Chief Rudge expects the question on the public safety building site to be indefinitely postponed. The Committee will meet soon to decide on the next step.
- Chief Rudge said the removal of the fire load in the rear of 50 Howe Avenue is continuing. He will follow up on the progress.
- A captains & lieutenants meeting will be held on May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. as part of the Board meeting.
- A letter of reprimand will be sent to FF. Tom LaVallee for his actions on May 2, 2015. A copy will be given to his company captain.

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- Millbury will host a District 7 meeting on 6/25/15 at the Senior Center.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton has contacted the recruits and informed them of the new training class being offered at the Mass. Firefighting Academy. Of the 8 recruits, only 2 are interested. Donald Wysote plans to challenge the FF I/II test. Ciera O'Day, Keith Marderosian, and Evan Maynard will resign from the Fire Department. John Leroux will have surgery in June and will not be available. Asst. Chief Hamilton wasn't able to reach Bianca Gonzalez. Asst. Chief Silver said she may be resigning as well. Only Fran Harrington and Chris Bruinsma will send in applications.
- Fit tests for the new SCBA masks will be done on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Fire HQ. Asst. Chief Gasco will draw up a schedule for each station. A make-up will held on June 1, 2015. Individual masks will be fitted and issued to each member. Board members agreed everyone must be able to pass the fit test.
- Chief Rudge asked about water rescue training. He wants this done as soon as possible. Asst. Chief Gasco said he will contact Lt. Lahair and may set up training for this weekend with the crew on Rescue 1. Training for the remainder of the department could be done at the beginning of June.
- Asst. Chief Gasco needs to get prices for a large air bag for Rescue 1.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will ask Ray Hobin to take remaining pictures on May 30, 2015. Fire department ID's can be completed after that.
- Chief Rudge asked Asst. Chief Silver to work with Asst. Chief Gasco and Asst. Chief Piscitelli in drawing up a training schedule. All agreed the schedule needs to be "stepped up". Ideas included solar panel training and additional certified RIT trainers.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton reprogrammed several portables earlier today.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase four rear tires for Engine 3. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. Arrangements will be made to get the tires replaced.
- Asst. Chief Gasco brought up brush clearing at the Butler Farm site. It was agreed to post a paid detail for June 6, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Those who attend will be asked to bring additional equipment to help at the site.
- Asst. Chief Silver said that FF. Medina needs a new pair of bunker pants. Asst. Chief Hamilton will inspect them. It was reported that FF. Peter Balkus tore his pants at the Mill Tex fire. His will be checked as well.
- Asst. Chief Silver told the Board that FF. Medina was asking for permission to take a RIT class at the Academy. The Board agreed to let him attend.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will get estimates for body work needed on Engine 4.
- Asst. Chief Gasco suggested looking into an additional slide out tray for Rescue 1. Estimates will be obtained.
- Specialty Vehicle will be contacted to provide invoices for the work done on Engine 1 and Engine 5.

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- Sutton Fire may have someone coming to their station to do pump testing. Millbury may be interested as well. Chief Rudge will contact Chief Belsito for more information.

Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Rich P. Hale

Brian R. Yarrow

Colt A. Silver

Regina A. Markey, Clerk