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

Date: June 16, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,
Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: None

Minutes from May 19, 2014 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

REORGANIZATION - BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Reappointments for the Board of Fire Engineers have not been done. Reorganization will be done at a later meeting.

REAPPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTERS

The Board will wait until they reorganize to reappoint members of the fire department.

LOSAP RENEWAL

Chief Rudge informed the Board that according to Town Counsel, they do not have to carry anyone on a medical leave nor give them credit for a year of service under the LOSAP. (This is only if the injury was not fire department related.) This can be applied retroactively. A written policy must be drawn up and all members notified of the change. The Board discussed setting a minimum number of runs that must be answered before a year of credit is given. Asst Chief Gasco said policing attendance every quarter would be a better way to handle low attendance. He disagreed with changing the plan but would rather have the Board get strict on attendance. Such a policy cannot be put in place now because notification to members was not made. The Board intends to revisit this after July 1, 2014.

Renewal paperwork for the LOSAP is due by 6/30/14. Asst. Chief Gasco made the following motion: any firefighter who had zero attendance in FY14 will not receive a credit for the year under the Length of Service Awards Program. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Rudge submitted the following truck repair report based on P.M.'s done on 6/2/14:

Engine 1: right side bar light out, headlight relay buzzing, cracks under cab, siren cuts out when using.

Rescue 1: Portable 102 missing-previously reported.

Tower 1: compartment in bucket was damaged-previously reported.

Engine 2: left quartz light out, rust on rear compartment, low air.

Engine 4: rust over right rear step, plate light out, missing SCBA (returned).

Hose 1: rear marker out, low air.

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Engine 3: generator mounting bracket bolt snapped; need new windshield wipers; left alley light out on light bar; rear scene light OOS; siren comes on when PTT button is depressed; transmission temperature gauge is broken; first low compartments on left and right side need new door switches (open door light turns on); 1 length of hard suction is OOS; pump packings leak; air horns don't work; front chock block holder is damaged; air leak from air tanks; rear passenger side outer dully multiple flat spots -no tread); no compartment lights in the right side 1st & 2nd low compartments.

Forestry 1: missing hand light.

Engine 5: fuel tank for generator being repaired; numerous strobes not working; handle for deck gun; cab mounts have cracks.

- Board members discussed the building that was put up in the rear of Fire HQ to house the ambulance. It will need power, heat, and should be insulated. The crew's quarters are almost complete.
- The Town Clerk sent letters to those members who have not complied with the mandatory Ethics Training. They will have until 7/11/14 to submit the required paperwork/certificates before they are reported to the State.
- A new Town Mechanic has been hired. The Town is considering hiring another as well. It may take some time before the mechanic is able to service fire department apparatus.
- Brian Turbitt has left the Town to take a position in Nantucket. This means a new chairman is needed for the Public Safety Building Committee.
- Chief Rudge said he was pleased with the showing at the Memorial Day Parade. All Board members participated.
- Michael Schold returned all fire department gear.
- Keith Marderosian withdrew his application for membership.
- The Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Class will graduate on 6/19/14. Recruit Bob Gasco, Recruit Nate Pratt, and Recruit Mike Bien will graduate. Board members will attend in Class A uniform. Recruit Donald Wysote was dismissed from the class because of his grade average. Board members asked the Training Academy what options he had. They were told that Rec. Wysote could challenge the FF I & II test and take it without graduating, or he could go through the course again. Asst. Chief Hamilton will speak to him about his options.
- The next District 7 meeting will be held in Millbury on 6/26/14 at the Senior Center. The Ladies Auxiliary is willing to provide a meal for the meeting. A training class geared for company officers will be part of the program. Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested all company officers take the class. Board members agreed. A head count must be given to District 7 prior to the meeting.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will check with the vendors to be sure SCBA's will be available for the training set for 6/21/14. He arranged with Auburn to use their training tower. Sutton and Grafton will provide station coverage. Twenty-eight members signed up. Those participating are to meet at Fire

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HQ by 7:15 a.m. Engine 1 & Rescue 1 will go to Auburn. Med Star will be asked to provide an ambulance. Asst. Chief Hobin suggested having two or three guys on a handline during the evolutions as a precaution. Asst. Chief Hamilton said the cooling fan should be used for rehab. A response credit will be given, and Chief Rudge will be looking for input from all who participate.

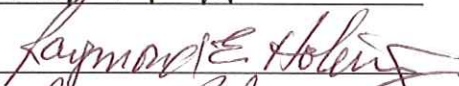
- Sutton Fire requested station coverage on 6/21/14 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. while they hold their annual cookout. Station 2 will arrange and provide the coverage.
- New radio batteries have been installed.
- Engine 3's hard suction hose still needs to be repaired.
- The new coat for Capt. Brock is due soon.
- The Board is waiting for Town Counsel to review the liability waiver before moving forward with the smoke/CO detector program.
- Ret. Asst. Chief Matson has been in contact with Edd Cote about having a picture taken. Chief Rudge asked Asst. Chief Hobin to follow up.
- Engine 3 is trying to draft tonight and will report to the Board.
- District 7's Technical Rescue training has been completed. Millbury Fire has not received any reimbursements. Asst. Chief Hobin said his son still needs to take one class to complete the Technical Rescue training.
- The Fire Department was invited to attend a parade in East Brookfield on 7/12/14. Board members declined the invitation.
- Engine 1 will go to Ballard Mack tomorrow for service and p.m.
- Chief Rudge would like to draw up a Standard Operating Procedure for the use of the rapid deployment boat. He will have this for the next meeting. The boat is being used for tonight's training.
- It was reported that someone dumped a large number of old windows in the dumpster at Station 2. Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested changing the service to a cart on 7/1/14. No decision was made.
- Haligans for Tower 1 and Rescue 1 need to be ordered.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will get prices on a motor and mount for the new boat.
- The Board agreed to meet on 6/30/14 to reorganize and review final budget balances.
- Lights for the trucks need to be ordered.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli will arrange a meeting with Jude Cristo and the crew at Station 5.
- The overhead doorway at Fire HQ will be repaired soon.
- Chief Rudge asked Asst. Chief Piscitelli to arrange to have the netting for HQ installed after 7/1/14.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he has not had a chance to test/flag the hydrant on the Mass. Pike.

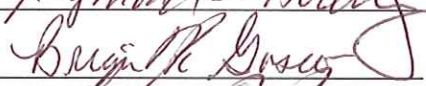
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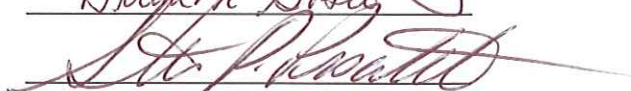
- Firework displays will be conducted on July 4 & July 5. The Board will split the detail. A sign-up sheet will be sent to the stations. And, a detail will need to be in place once the fireworks are delivered to the site.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board he spoke to Bill Murdock-Med Star-about housing a 16-hour ambulance at Station 3 to serve as a backup/second ambulance. It would not be a dedicated unit and there would be no additional charge to the Town. Asst. Chief Gasco questioned if this unit would respond to East Millbury. Asst. Chief Hamilton said it would respond if it is closer to the incident and if it is in quarters. Otherwise, Millbury's dedicated ambulance would respond. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to house Med Star's non-dedicated ambulance at Station 3 for their sixteen hour shift. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Chief Rudge will contact Bob Spain in the morning to discuss this.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said the new boat needs a portable radio and personal flotation devices. He will check on the cost of the flotation devices.
- Asst. Chief Gasco would like to have Mark S. Strom meet with the Board for an update on his status. This brought about discussion of medical leaves when the injury is not fire department related. Asst. Chief Gasco said that after one year, the firefighter should be required to meet with the Board to update their status. Discussion continued. Board members agreed to have FF. Strom meet with the Board on 7/21/14.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli reported Engine 5's generator is up and running.
- Asst. Chief Hobin is working on a training schedule for the next quarter.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Richard P. Dal


Raymond E. Hobin


Brian R. Goss


Lt. P. Piscitelli