

# MINUTES

Board of Fire Engineers  
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Date: July 7, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,  
Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli  
Absent: None

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Minutes were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

## REORGANIZATION - BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

All Board members were reappointed and sworn in. Chief Rudge called for a motion. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to keep the Board the same. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. For the record, the Board reorganized as follows:

Chief Engineer	David J. Rudge	"Car 1"
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Richard P. Hamilton	"Car 2"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief	Raymond E. Hobin, Jr.	"Car 3"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief	Brian K. Gasco	"Car 4"
4 <sup>th</sup> Asst. Chief	Steven P. Piscitelli	"Car 5".

Chief Rudge thanked the Board for their support and said it has been a pleasure working with them-noting the good communication among the Board and getting things done.

## REAPPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTERS

Board members agreed to reappoint company officers first. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to reappoint Keith Newlands as captain of Fire HQ, Jason Cadrin as lieutenant of Engine 1, Robert Lahair as lieutenant of Rescue 1, and Richard LaVallee as lieutenant of Tower 1. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Chief Rudge stepped down and turned the meeting over to Asst. Chief Hamilton. Chief Rudge made a motion to reappoint David King as captain of Station 2, Joseph C. Kosiba, Jr. as lieutenant of Engine 2, and Francis B. King as lieutenant of Engine 4. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Chief Rudge then resumed the chair.

Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to reappoint Robert Silver as captain of Station 3 and William A. Stevens, IV as lieutenant of Engine 3. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to reappoint Stephen Brock as captain of Station 5 and Andrew Krumsiek as lieutenant of Engine 5. This was seconded by Asst Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

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Before reappointing the firefighters, Board members reviewed those who are on a leave of absence. The Board previously discussed not reappointing Mark S. Strom and Ryan Day due to their lengthy medical leaves. Aaron Cluett is on a military leave and Michael Sciascia was injured on duty. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to hold Mark S. Strom's reappointment until after he meets with the Board on 7/21/14. Ryan Day was previously notified in writing to contact the Board with regards to his status and possibility of returning to active duty. No written response was received. He continues to receive credit for service under the Length of Service Awards but has not been active since 2006. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion not to reappoint Ryan Day as a member of the Millbury Fire Department. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Day has the option to reapply for membership should circumstances change. At this time, Board members reviewed the quarterly attendance reports and noted that FF. Balkus had zero attendance. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to hold reappointing Peter Balkus to the fire department and have him meet with the Board on 7/21/14 to discuss his lack of attendance. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Hamilton then made a motion to reappoint all other firefighters and recruits to the Millbury Fire Department. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to appoint Robert Gasco as a regular firefighter assigned to Fire HQ retroactive to July 1, 2014. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to appoint Nathaniel Pratt and Michael Bien as regular firefighters assigned to Station 5 retroactive to July 1, 2014. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to have FF. Pageau and FF. Chris Dalton meet with the Board on 8/18/14 to discuss their low attendance over the last quarter. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **ONE SIGNATURE TO APPROVE CLERK'S PAYROLL**

Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to allow one signature from any Board member to approve the pay voucher for the clerk. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. All other vouchers or invoices will require a minimum of three signatures for approval.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Board members were notified that FF. Matt Morrissey passed his pump test on 7/5/14. He did his on-road driver training and is now approved to drive any pumper to an incident. Company captains will be informed.

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- Town Counsel approved liability waivers for supplying and/or installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors in Millbury homes. Asst. Chief Hamilton is waiting for a list of residents from Judy O'Connor before implementing the program.
- Connie Madigan will be here on 7/14/14 to show a prospective customer Tower 1. Asst. Chief Hamilton will meet Mr. Madigan at Fire HQ since Chief Rudge will be on vacation.
- Asst. Chief Gasco reported the new motor needs to be set-up and the personal flotation devices placed on the boat. Also, the new gas detectors need to be calibrated.
- Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to purchase two cases of four-cycle fuel to be used at all stations in small engine equipment. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said he spoke with Bob Spain about the car port for the ambulance and the need to have it insulated and get power to the building. Mr. Spain has not contacted MedStar yet. Asst. Chief Gasco said he will contact the electrical contractor and have an insulation company look at the building. Mr. Spain wants the Fire Dept. to pay for the work with the extra funds placed in the budget. Utilities will also come from the Fire Dept. budget. Chief Rudge said he will speak to Mr. Spain.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase turnout gear for the three new firefighters. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli reported the generator on Engine 5 is leaking again. Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested having it repaired when the truck goes in for servicing. Board members agreed.
- Chief Rudge will be on vacation next week.

Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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