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Date: September 17, 2012

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Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton,
Asst. Chief Hobin,

Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco

Minutes from July 30, August 13, and September 10, 2012 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Chief Rudge's mom-Janet Rudge-passed away on September 14, 2012. Chief Rudge said he appreciated the sympathy he has received. Though he was at tonight's meeting, he will keep a low profile over the next few days.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Nick Garland is the new base supervisor for Alert Ambulance. He asked to use Fire HQ for a meeting to be held at the end of September. Board members had no problem with this request.
- Board members discussed reviewing the results of a physical exam. Asst. Chief Day said that the Board does not need to review the exam but only be informed that the candidate passed or failed. He said only the Fire Chief should review the results and report either a "pass" or "fail". No final decision was made on this issue.
- Chief Rudge spoke to Mikey Gauthier about Millbury's automatic response to Wyman-Gordon's. Chief Gauthier was not aware of the automatic response policy. He would prefer that Grafton ask for what they need at the time of the incident. The policy will be revised and the Dispatcher's Manual updated.
- Board members agreed to review the policies for mutual aid to Shrewsbury and Grafton-who is to be toned-Engine 3, Engine 5, or both. The automatic response from Grafton to Millbury for the former Wyman-Gordon building will also be reviewed.
- The Ladies Auxiliary was asked if they wanted to continue to be involved with the annual Field Day. President Pam Kosiba informed the Board that the Ladies will be meeting on 9/18/12 and will have an answer after that.
- Chief Rudge received a quote from JR Associates for the preparation of plans for the addition proposed for Station 2. Two more quotes are needed before the work can be awarded.
- The door replacement at Station 2 is nearly complete. Board members were given the access code for the station.

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- Chief Rudge left a message for the firefighter involved in the incident with the FedEx driver. He is waiting for a call back.
- The Bicentennial Committee will hold an encampment re-enactment during the weekend of October 19-October 21, 2012. They are seeking volunteers from the fire department to help with the event. The Board approved this request. Further discussion took place including having Forestry 1 standby at the site during the "Battle at Pearson's Farm".
- Asst. Chief Day reported the prep work for the paving at Station 5 was done on 9/15/12 with help from the firefighters and the DPW. Granger Lynch has agreed to lay the asphalt.
- The outside light at Station 5 has been installed.
- Asst. Chief Gasco is following up on the ID cards.
- Asst. Chief Hobin needs to revise the Training Schedule.
- Asst. Chief Day asked if the Board could get an update on the status of Vincent Strzelecki-does he intend to return to the fire department. Although Strzelecki received a buy out from VFIS, he is still considered injured-on-duty. A letter will be sent.
- Asst. Chief Day said he was at Cordis Mills recently to plug the boxes. He found that the townhouses are not tied-in to the system-when the sprinkler system is activated in the apartment building, it does not trigger the system in the townhouses. Asst. Chief Day said there was a large amount of clutter in the boiler room as well. Chief Rudge will look into this.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made arrangements to take Engine 3 to Greenwood Fire on 9/24/12 to see if they can repair the ladder rack. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he also found that the bottom area under the door on the truck had deteriorated and was about to fall off. He repaired the area.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton would like to have the Carpenter's Training School build storage cabinets in the Engineer's Office. The Board of Selectmen will be asked to approve the request.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said the camera has been installed in Rescue 1. Minuteman gave him a brief overview of the camera but more training needs to be done. Connie Madigan will be contacted to arrange this.
- Asst. Chief Hobin asked if any other department was interested in the hose washer/dryer. It was agreed to ask the Board of Selectmen for permission to dispose of the equipment if no other department wanted it.

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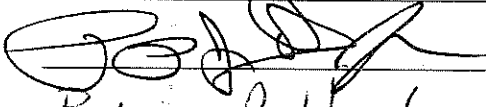
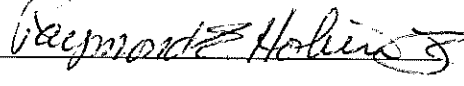
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- Asst. Chief Hamilton has the new thermal imager for Rescue 1. It needs to be mounted in the truck. This was purchased with a donation from the Ladies Auxiliary.
- Asst. Chief Day questioned the cost of the leather boots. He said he would have voted against the purchase and told Asst. Chief Hamilton not to order him a pair. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he looked into the advantages of leather boots and was convinced they are a good purchase. Five pairs will be ordered. Ed Lyons Fire has agreed to exchange sizes when needed.
- An inspection trip for the Tower has been arranged. Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton and Asst. Chief Gasco will go from 10/2 through 10/4. In accordance with Open Meeting Law, this must be posted as a Board meeting.

Asst. Chief Day made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.




Robert P. Hamilton


Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk