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

Date: November 2, 2015 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: Asst. Chief Silver (working)

Minutes from 10/19/15 were approved. Invoices were signed. Account balances were reviewed. Mail was read.

6:45 P.M.-INTERVIEW- NICHOLAS ARCOUETTE

Nicholas Arcouette met with the Board to review his application for membership. He was informed of the training requirements. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to appoint Mr. Arcouette as a recruit in training pending a successful physical exam, drug screening test, physical ability test and C.O.R.I. check. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. Mr. Arcouette will be assigned to Station 3.

RULES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS

Board members reviewed the changes made to the Fire Department's Rules & Regulations. Recruit training requirements may be included in the revisions. Approval will be held until a full Board is present.

NEW FIRE STATION

Chief Hamilton updated the Board on the recent meeting of the Public Safety Building Siting Committee. He said both groups (Fire & Police) will design separate buildings. Separate sites will be looked into as well. Discussion took place. It was agreed to shrink the footprint of the current layout.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

Chief Hamilton presented pre-incident plans for the Elmwood Street School and the R. E. Shaw Elementary School. The plans will be reviewed when a full Board is present.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton told the Board Recruit Wysote took the FF I/II test but does not know if he passed. He is enrolled to re-take the Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Class (Class) offered by the Mass. Firefighting Academy. This brought about discussion of testing and if the Board should set a standard. Millbury does not require FFI/II, but should a recruit be required to pass the Class? Asst. Chief Gasco said if we don't require them to pass, then what is the point of sending them. Other discussion included having a recruit pass either the Class or the FFI/II test. No final decision was made. This will be brought up again when a full Board is present.

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- Information concerning facial hair and SCBA masks was reviewed. NIOSH and OSHA both recommend limited facial hair for a proper seal. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Rudge said this is an issue only during hunting season. Asst. Chief Gasco said if we put a policy in place then we must enforce it. He suggested keeping it as "the firefighter must be able to pass an annual fit test". Asst. Chief Piscitelli felt it was a hazard because the firefighter would not know how fast the air is leaking from his mask and how much time he really had to remove himself from a situation. Other issues included: would the Fire Department be liable if something happens and there is no policy in place? Could this affect insurance/death benefits because the firefighter was not properly wearing his mask? The matter will be revisited at another meeting.
- Board members reviewed the revisions made to the A.L.I.C.E. response. A final decision will be made when a full Board is present. Chief Hamilton told the Board that the Elmwood Street School would be doing training with teachers later this week and all are welcome to attend.
- The Rescue and Hose 1 will be serviced tomorrow. Tower 1 will be done next week. This was changed when Capt. Brock came in to notify the Board of a booster pump leak on Engine 5. This truck will be repaired tomorrow in place of Hose 1.
- Arrangements are being made to bring Engine 1 and Engine 4 to Specialty Vehicles for repairs.
- Before reviewing the changes to the Master Box Policy, Chief Hamilton told the Board he became aware of a new method for authorizing techs to remove/restore master boxes to service. Instead of individual short arms, fire departments are issuing ID's. This would eliminate the annual renewal fee and providing equipment. Technicians would still need to take an initial training class but would be allowed to use their own short arm. Asst. Chief Rudge asked how you would track who failed to put a box back in service. Discussion took place. The matter will be revisited at the next meeting.
- Chief Hamilton spoke with Finance Director Katie McKenna about using funds from the SCBA Article to pay for the spectacle kits. Mrs. McKenna said no other funds can be borrowed and the invoice must be paid through the Fire Department's budget. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco will speak to Scott Garland about the invoice.
- Chief Hamilton reported that Firematic replaced every screw on each SCBA back plate and installed a lumbar support upgrade. Firematic still needs to provide the regulators for Tower 1 and complete the RIT packs.
- Chief Hamilton said the training at 117 Elm Street went very well and was very worthwhile. A lot of the training was fresh in the minds of the firefighters who responded to the fatal fire at 95 Elm Street. The Board will

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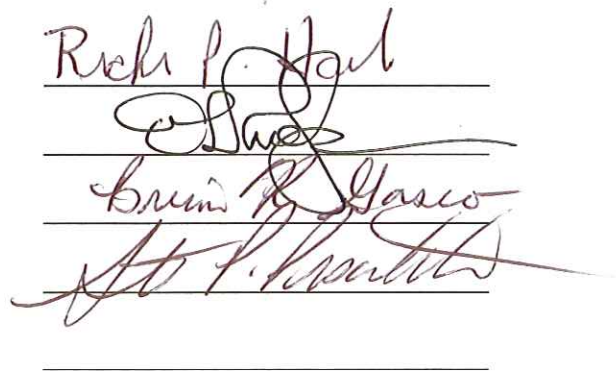
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- send a "thank you" to Millbury Savings this week. The building is scheduled to come down next week.
- Asst. Chief Gasco is trying to finalize the live burn training for mid-November.
 - Fire drills were conducted last week at all schools.
 - Asst. Chief Rudge contacted Property Alternatives for an updated tenant list for 175 West Main Street.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco asked for an update on the tray for Rescue 1. Chief Hamilton will check this week.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco asked about the radio for Rescue 1. Chief Hamilton said it is still being worked on.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco received a quote of \$1900 for the fencing to be used in the boiler room for SCBA storage. It was agreed to eliminate the fencing and put a lock on the boiler room door instead.
 - Chief Hamilton said the radios to communicate with Grafton are no longer available. He is checking for another option.
 - Asst. Chief Piscitelli said Lisa Bennes, Congregate Housing Director, thanked the Fire Department for their response to 95 Elm Street. She said the Department did a super job. She would also like to be added to the contact list for future incidents as she can provide contact information for all residents.
 - Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the small house on Croyden Street is still available for training purposes.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


The block contains four handwritten signatures, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures appear to be: Rick P. [unclear], [unclear], Brian R. Gasco, and [unclear].