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Date: November 19, 2012
Present: Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton,
Asst. Chief Hobin, Asst. Chief Gasco
Absent: Chief Rudge

Minutes from November 5, 2012 were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

In Chief Rudge's absence, Asst. Chief Day conducted the meeting.

LIVE BURN GUIDELINES

Board members reviewed the live burn guidelines used by the Auburn Fire Department. Asst. Chief Hobin said the guidelines require an instructor and an aide to be present for all training sessions and they must be certified as FF I & II and as an "Incident Safety Officer". Asst. Chief Day asked if we could use Auburn's instructor when using their training tower. He was told that in the past, Auburn did not always provide an instructor. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hobin preferred using the guidelines he drew up. He will speak to Auburn's instructor for more information before the Board makes a final decision.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Recruit Eric Bouthillette needs a set of goggles and a hood with a tag indicating it is NFPA compliant for District 7 training.
- The two recruits at the Mass. Firefighting Academy will be eligible to take the FF I & II certification test. This brought about discussion of whether the Fire Department should pay for the test and if it should be required. Millbury Fire does not require certification. Asst. Chief Hamilton felt paying would provide an incentive to the recruits to become certified. Asst. Chief Hobin noted that 95% of the recruit class will be certified. He said since we are sending them to Stow for training, the Fire Dept. should pay for the test. Asst. Chief Gasco commented that it was their choice to go to Stow-they could taken the District 7 class. Asst. Chief Day said if we are going to pay for the test, it should be included in the budget. He also cautioned about "certification"-as this will eventually affect other appointments. Another concern was if the recruit goes through the class, gets certified, and then leaves Millbury for a fulltime position. After some discussion, it was decided to find out the cost of the test and to see if the Fire Academy would offer a group test for other Millbury firefighters who are eligible.

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- Asst. Chief Hamilton reported Tower 1 will be delivered to the highway barn in the morning. It will remain there until it is registered and outfitted.
- Engine 2's new grille has been installed.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton replaced the pistons on Engine 3's ladder rack system. It is working well. Nothing should be hung on the rack to eliminate any twisting.
- Asst. Chief Day read the following fire alarm report submitted by Gordon Siebenhaar: "Pole transfers on Canal St. pole 11 and 12 are done. Testing is still ongoing. All circuits test ok."
- Capt. Silver submitted a list of items needed at Station 2 to outfit a RIT team. He will be asked to provide the cost of the items as well.
- Asst. Chief Hobin looked into an online training program dealing with self-rescue. Jeff Dore forwarded this to the Fire Department. Asst. Chief Hobin felt a better program was available and will consider including one in the training schedule.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board that Republic ITS was awarded the contract to replace the traffic lights and related equipment at Station 3. The project will be funded from the Town's street light account.
- Asst. Chief Hobin asked about a CO detector for Engine 3. He was told that the three new detectors will go to the busiest stations- namely, HQ, S2, & S5. A detector will go to S3 if more are available through the Central Mass. Regional Planning Committee. It was voted on at the last meeting to place the multi-gas detector on Rescue 1 and give the old one to Station 2. Asst. Chief Day asked how Asst. Chief Hamilton and Asst. Chief Gasco obtained their CO detectors. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he had the former chief's detector and Asst. Chief Gasco had the one from Engine 1. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to place the single gas meters on each engine and give the old meters to Board members. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Hobin told the Board that Station 3 may not be willing to handle their trash anymore and will request a dumpster. More information will be obtained and this will be brought up for discussion at the next meeting.
- Board members reviewed the accident that occurred earlier this morning on the Mass. Pike.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton updated the Board on the fire alarm problems at Cordis Mills. Management is trying to resolve the problem and has five different companies working on the issue. L. W. Bills was

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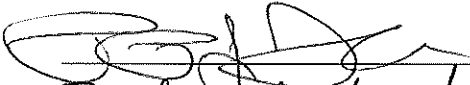
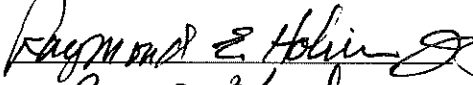

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on scene to help rebuild the master box. Asst. Chief Day questioned how this issue was not found when an inspection for the occupancy permit was done.

Asst. Chief Day made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.


Richard P. Hand

Raymond E. Holin

Brian K. Gasco

Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk