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

Date: December 1, 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 11/17/14 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M.-INTERVIEW BIANCA GONZALEZ

Bianca Gonzalez met with the Board to review her application for membership. Ms. Gonzalez is the niece of FF. Medina. The training requirements and commitment to the fire department were explained. Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to appoint Ms. Gonzalez as a recruit-in-training pending successful completion of a physical exam, drug screening, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Ms. Gonzalez will be assigned to Station 3.

S.O.G. #23 DRESS UNIFORM GUIDELINE

Board members agreed to delete the last paragraph and add that anything with a badge, whether embroidered or metal, or the Millbury Fire Department patch will fall under the Dress Uniform Guideline and will be regulated by it. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to accept the revision. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. A copy will be provided to each station.

DISMISSAL OF FIREFIGHTER

The registered letter sent to FF. Hank Allard was returned as "unclaimed". Based on this; his failure to contact his company captain or the Board; and his lack of attendance since returning from a leave, the Board decided to dismiss him. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to immediately dismiss Hank Allard from the fire department. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Allard will be asked to return all gear and/or town owned equipment.

SPECS-SCBA's

Revisions to the specs for self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) were reviewed by the Board. The "options" page will be removed. The Board approved the specs as written. Chief Rudge will forward a set to the Town Manager for advertising.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Asst. Chief Hobin reported that FF. Ray Hobin, III and FF. Otto Medina passed the pump test given on 11/30/14. FF. Hobin has completed the driver training competency course and can now drive an engine company

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to an alarm. The driving status of FF. Medina will be checked. Jeff Kosiba and Nick Rinaldo still need pump testing.

- Asst. Chief Hamilton got the anti-freeze for Hose 1. He said Engine 1 is all set except for the cab welding. He will check the "o" rings for Rescue 1.
- Engine 2 will go to Specialty Vehicles to have the crosslay repaired.
- Tower 1 will go to Minuteman on 12/9/14 for service and P.M.
- Chief Rudge reported Steelcraft now has heat and power. Repairs are still being done, and he felt the building was in a safer condition now.
- The work detail at the Butler Farm was cancelled and clearing will be done in the spring. Chief Rudge said the area is accessible at this time.
- The DPW was given permission to place a radio at the Butler Farm.
- The fire alarm wires for the Shaw School have been strung through the trees. This is a temporary solution until they can be placed underground.
- Uxbridge invited Millbury to participate in their Christmas Parade on 12/6/14. Asst. Chief Hamilton will check with Fire HQ to see if there is any interest in attending.
- Chief Rudge will be out-of-town from 12/4 through 12/7/14.
- The schedule for the Santa rides will be posted on-line and on Facebook.
- Chief Rudge asked if the ice boat and related equipment was ready to go. Asst. Chief Gasco said he will check tonight. He said the sled is on Rescue 1 and felt the suits were usable. He also noted the inflatable water boat can be used for ice rescue. Chief Rudge emphasized that the sled and ice suits should be ready by the end of the night.
- Chief Rudge reported he and Asst. Chief Hamilton attended the last Selectmen's meeting and spoke with Congressman McGovern about fire department needs and grant applications. This included the public safety building. Congressman McGovern offered his assistance. Asst. Chief Hamilton is looking into a USDA grant and low interest loans available for building construction.
- There has been no reply from the Town Manager concerning changing the name of the Length of Service Awards Program.
- Chief Rudge asked the Board for ideas for the next budget. Paperwork for FY16 will be out soon.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said he completed and filed applications for new hose and related equipment and a new brush truck. He is looking into a grant available from Fire House Subs.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton is still working on a portable for Engine 3 for Grafton.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton needs to contact Judy O'Connor about the Senior Smoke Detector Program.
- District 7 update: next meeting will be held on 12/4/14 in Southbridge, dues restructuring will be on the Agenda, and the District will not hold a

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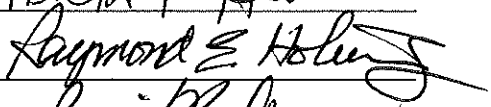
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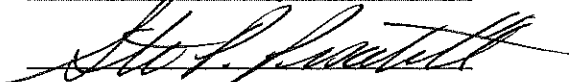
- recruit training class this year. The Mass. Firefighting Academy will not offer a recruit training class until July, 2015.
- Chief Rudge asked for an update on hose testing. Asst. Chief Hamilton said Station 2 & Station 5 are done. He will check on HQ and Station 3.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin will prepare a training schedule for the first quarter of 2015.
 - The S.O.G.'s for Fox Bus and the Water Boat are being developed.
 - Asst. Chief Piscitelli had no update on the handle for Engine 5.
 - Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the repair on the overhead door at Fire HQ is ready to be painted.
 - Chief Rudge said Dorenzo's is working on repairing Engine 5's generator.
 - Jayne Davolio was appointed as the chair of the Public Safety Sighting Committee. A meeting has been posted for December 18, 2014.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase six hand lights @ \$90 each. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. This will complete the replacement of the old flashlights. Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested offering the old lights and spare parts to another town through District 7. Board members agreed to the plan.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin asked if Engine 3's on-spots had been repaired. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he took care of them.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton ordered a portable for the boat.
 - Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he spoke with the manager at National Grid during a recent call. Jim Cahill suggested the fire department do a tour of the building because many of the training areas have been relocated. Also, live gas is used in some of the classrooms. Discussion took place. The Board would like an updated layout of the building. Asst. Chief Hobin will arrange a tour as part of the training schedule.
 - Chief Rudge told the Board he spoke to Worcester Fire about the dual response to Air Liquide Corp. on Southwest Cutoff. Chief Rudge suggested having Worcester handle all calls at the storage facility and asked the Board for their thoughts. After some discussion, Board members agreed.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Rich P. Hat


Raymond E. Hobin


Brian R. Gasco


Asst. Chief Piscitelli