

# MINUTES

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

Date: December 15, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli  
Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco

Minutes from 12/1/14 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### **BUDGET FY16**

Board members discussed a budget for the next fiscal year. Chief Rudge was not sure if the Town Manager will request level funded budgets. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he may need 14-sets of gear within the next two years. He would like to keep the \$12,000 in the Capital Outlay account for gear. Other capital projects suggested were: changing the boiler at Station 2, replacing windows at Station 2 (meeting room side only), and a professional printer for the Engineer's office. Estimates for each project will be obtained and reviewed at the next meeting.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Chief Rudge gave the following truck repair report based on P.M.'s done on 12/1/14:
  - Engine 1: water leak at tank to pump piping, cracks under cab need welding
  - Rescue 1: hydraulic leak from junction box to reel (front reel), weather strip on bottom of door falling off and paint peeling, bottom of cabinet blistering.
  - Tower 1: PM done at Minuteman-all set.
  - Engine 2: rust over wheels and compartment doors, 3 strobe lights out, quartz light out on left side.
  - Engine 4: All set
  - Hose 1: need engine oil
  - Engine 3: no report submitted
  - Forestry 1: no report submitted
  - Engine 5: no report submitted
- Firematic will be contacted to check the hydraulic leak on Rescue 1. Josh Piscitelli will be asked to check the weather stripping on the truck as well.
- Officer Keith Gasco was doing department driver training tonight at Fire HQ for all members.
- Engine 2 will be taken to Specialty Vehicle, Inc. for the crosslay repairs.
- The specs for the SCBA's have been given to the Town Manager. The invitation for bid is being prepared.
- Repairs at Steelcraft are on-going.
- The Public Safety Building Sighting Committee will meet on 12/18/14 at 6:30 p.m.

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- Chief Rudge is working with Worcester Fire on the single department response to Air Liquide on Southwest Cutoff.
- There has been no reply from the Town Manager concerning changing the name of the Length of Service Awards Program.
- Chief Rudge received a letter from Michael Sciascia's attorney concerning sections of Mass. General Law. This will be forwarded to Town Counsel.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton submitted the applications for the AFG grant. He will request letters of support from Congressman McGovern. Asst. Chief Hamilton also met with Steve Bonavita concerning the USDA grant. This is a reimbursable grant which means you can seek a 15% reimbursement after making a purchase. Asst. Chief Hobin asked if the Town could apply for a reimbursement for the purchase of Rescue 1 or Tower 1. This will be looked into. Asst. Chief Hamilton said there are no construction grants, but USDA does offer a low interest loan.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton is still working on the portable for Engine 3.
- District 7 will no longer provide recruit training and the increase in dues has been tabled until more information is reviewed.
- The Smoke Alarm Program is on hold until Asst. Chief Hamilton speaks to Judy O'Connor.
- Hose testing has been completed. Asst. Chief Hamilton is organizing the results. He reported there is no spare 3" hose.
- Chief Rudge spoke to Charlie Rennick from the P & W Railroad about the fee being charged for the fire alarm wire at Barrday that crosses the rail tracks. Mr. Rennick agreed to lower the annual fee to \$500. Chief Rudge suggested asking Barrday to pay the fee.
- Asst. Chief Hobin gave an update on pump training/testing. FF. Jeff Kosiba and FF. Nick Rinaldo still need to be tested.
- Asst. Chief Hobin is working on the training schedule for the first quarter of 2015.
- The S.O.G. for Fox Bus is still being worked on.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli had nothing new to report on the handle for the deck gun on Engine 5. He will ask FF. Strom to check with the company. Asst. Chief Hamilton will also check when he takes Engine 2 to Specialty Vehicle.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the overhead door at Fire HQ should be painted in the spring. The Board may look into having all trim painted at that time.
- Chief Rudge said Engine 5's generator is still being worked on.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase two sets of turn out gear and a bunker coat. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote. The coat is for Lt. King and the gear is for FF. Matt Morrissey and Joe DeAngelis.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board he has been unable to get pager chargers. He said amplified chargers are available at a cost of \$130 each

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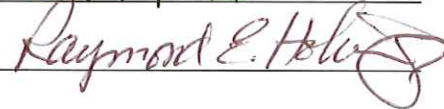
and he ordered three. Motorola should have chargers available in January. Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested purchasing Minitor VI's for the Board. This would provide five additional pagers and chargers for the rest of the department. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase five Minitor VI's at a cost of \$2494. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote. Delivery time is two to three weeks.

- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said Station 5 changed over all the fuel in gas-fired equipment, but they have no spare. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to purchase a 5-gallon pail of 4-cycle fuel and three 1-gallon pails of pre-mix for each station. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 4-0 vote. Asst. Chief Gasco will be asked to place the order.
- Board members discussed installing motion sensor lights at Fire HQ for the ambulance crew. Lights are being left on overnight so the crew can make their way around the station.
- Board members discussed the need to set a maintenance schedule for Knox boxes. They boxes should be oiled on a regular basis.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Robert A. Hamilton



Regina A. Markey, Clerk