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

Date: December 17, 2012 Time: 6:30 p.m.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton,
Asst. Chief Hobin, Asst. Chief Gasco
Absent: None

Minutes from December 3, 2012 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:40 P.M.- Capt. Silver

Capt. Silver met with the Board to discuss some comments he made to Asst. Chief Hobin. Chief Rudge started the meeting by saying he was surprised and disappointed. He understood that the captain may have been disappointed about the hose truck not going to Station 3, but he expected a better response from the station's leader. Capt. Silver explained that he was upset when he was told the truck wouldn't be going to Station 3, but he never said a word to his crew. He felt Station 3 was not well represented in the past and often overlooked. The station has not been allowed to respond to Grafton and now they are not being toned to respond on the Pike. He had training arranged for the hose truck, the crew was excited, and then the truck was taken away. He felt this was the "straw that broke the camel's back". He agreed he should not have responded in the manner he did but he never said a word to his crew. Asst. Chief Gasco said that Silver has done a hell of a job at Station 3 and that the things that were taken away because of a lack of manpower are slowly being returned. He said the station is heading in the right direction and eventually it (things that were taken away) will come back. Asst. Chief Gasco also noted that the 4" hose should be in the west end. Asst. Chief Hobin agreed that Capt. Silver has done a good job. He said that Silver gets them (the crew) going. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he spoke to Capt. Silver shortly after the incident. Silver said he needed to talk to someone and thought he could express his frustration to his assistant chief. Asst. Chief Day said he can only go by what he was told, and it did not sound like anything that should come from a company captain. Asst. Chief Day also noted that Stations 3 & 5 should be toned to respond together on the Pike for their own safety. Further discussion took place and Capt. Silver left the meeting.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Driver training on Tower 1 is going well. Chief Rudge informed the board that the following have completed their on-road hours: Capt. Newlands, Lt. LaVallee, FF. LaVallee, FF. Balkus, FF. Cluett, FF.

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- Stachura, FF. Siebenhaar, and FF. O'Connell. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to approve those listed to drive Tower 1. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Lt. Vincent Strzelecki submitted a letter of retirement. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to accept the letter with regret. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Lt. Strzelecki's date of resignation will be 12/4/12. He is not eligible for monthly benefits until he reaches the age of 65.
 - Chief Rudge reported that the Millbury Savings Bank donated \$1000 to both the Fire Department and the Police Department. Board members appreciated the donation and a thank you letter will be sent.
 - Capt. Silver requested to use the foam trailer for pumps and hose rather than foam. The foam can be quickly attached when needed. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Day made a motion to deny the request. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 5-0 vote. Capt. Silver will be notified that the trailer is to be used for foam only.
 - The Millbury Firefighters Relief Association will hold a meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. Chief Rudge and Asst. Chief Hamilton will attend the Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 - Chief Rudge submitted the following truck maintenance report:
 - Engine 1: right rear red strobe light out, toe bar bent, welds under cab need to be re-welded.
 - Scope 1: leak over rear axle, portable 103 out of service.
 - Rescue 1: four spare bottles missing.
 - Engine 2: no report submitted.
 - Engine 4: dump chute rotted, dump valve leaking, passenger step needs to be painted, 5" discharge leaking, various rust areas on truck, passenger side back up light out.
 - Hose 1: need 1-50' length of 4" hose.
 - Engine 3: on-spots not working, driver side rear spot light not working.
 - Forestry 1: all set.
 - Engine 5: pump panel light lights need repair, left side telescopic light out.
 - Chief Rudge and Asst. Chief Gasco attended a meeting with Wheelabrator to review confined space rescue equipment. Wheelabrator has agreed to provide what is needed so Millbury can conduct a basic confined space rescue. Ropes, harnesses, webbing, lights, carabineers, etc. will be purchased. The Fire Department will order the items and Wheelabrator will pay the invoices. Board members were pleased with this agreement.
 - Asst. Chief Day told the Board that the dispatchers are having a problem distinguishing between "car 1" and "tower 1" when they

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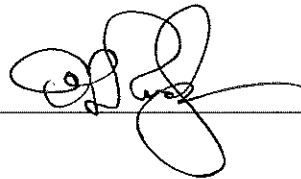
- sign on. After some discussion, it was agreed that the tower will sign on as "Tower" with the number of manpower. Ex. "Tower signing on with six." This should help to clarify the situation.
- Chief Rudge reported that Brian Turbitt sent a contract to J. R. Associates for the plans for Station 2's addition. As of today, the contract has not been returned.
 - Minuteman gave a very basic overview of the Tower last week. The truck is now in service.
 - Chief Rudge checked Mill-Tex to see if a fire watch detail was being done. He found no one on scene. Asst. Chief Day said he checked last week and found the same situation. A reminder will be sent to Mill-Tex telling them a fire watch detail must be in effect 24/7 until the sprinkler system is repaired and running.
 - Chief Rudge told Target to update the store layout at the fire alarm panel.
 - The Town Manager recently approved the payment for the camera installed on Rescue 1.
 - Chief Rudge asked Board members to submit any capital projects and/or expenses to him as soon as possible. Capital requests must be submitted to the Town Manager by 12/31/12.
 - Chief Rudge told the Board there has been a lot of interest in the old Scope. He heard that Charlton Fire would like to borrow the truck while theirs is in for repair. Bob Spain would like to know what the Board's pleasure is and he will support their decision. Discussion took place. Board members agreed if Millbury was in the same position, they would hope that another Town would allow them the use of a spare truck. Asst. Chief Day made a motion to allow Charlton to use the Aerialscope as long as legal matters and other stipulations are in place. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Spain will be notified of the Board's decision.
 - Asst. Chief Day is still looking into filing a court claim for the illegal burn done at 33 Sutton Road.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco is trying to set up a meeting with the representative of the text-dispatching program. Asst. Chief Hamilton is working on an estimate for the "I Am Responding" program.
 - Chief Rudge and Asst. Chief Hamilton left the meeting briefly to attend the Board of Directors meeting. They returned before any other business was conducted.
 - Board members looked over the list of items needed to equip Station 2 as a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT). Asst. Chief Hobin asked why

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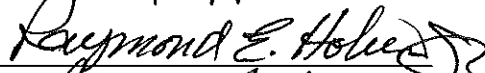
the station couldn't use what was at Station 3 when needed. He was told that if Station 2 is called out for mutual aid, they will need their own equipment. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Day made a motion to spend no more than \$500 to outfit Station 2 with RIT equipment. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

- The Ladies Auxiliary will host a Holiday/Awards Night Party on January 19, 2013 at the St. Charles Hotel.
- Asst. Chief Hobin provided a training schedule for January, February, and March. The only item that was questioned was the ice rescue. Asst. Chief Gasco said this is usually done in two sessions on a Saturday or on two Saturdays. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to approve the schedule as written. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Day and carried on a 5-0 vote. It was agreed to change the date of the ice rescue training at another meeting.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board he attended the court hearing held earlier today for Robert Giannette. The result was that Mr. Giannette had to return all fire department equipment, pay an assessment of \$240, and do 8-hours of community service. If this is not done in six-months, Mr. Giannette will be brought back to court.

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



Richard P. Hunt



Brian H. Gasco