

MINUTES

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

Date: June 17, 2019 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli,
Absent: Deputy Chief Rudge (vacation) Asst. Chief Silver (working)

Minutes from 6/3/19 were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW -MADISON ADAMS

Madison Adams met with the Board to review her application for membership. Ms. Adams is a member of the Explorer Post and is the daughter of FF. Mark Adams. The Board was glad to have her join and asked if she could work with her father. Ms. Adams said yes. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said that firefighting is more than driving the truck and operating the pump. He asked Ms. Adams if she was ready to face the hazards and sights of firefighting. Ms. Adams said she was. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to appoint Madison Adams as a recruit-in-training pending a successful physical exam, drug-screening test, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 3-0 vote. Ms. Adams will be assigned to Station 5.

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This will be held until a full Board is present.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton would like to have the four recruits take the Recruit Training Class being offered in November. It is being held in Leicester instead of Stow or Springfield. Recruits Gasco and Bedard need to retake their physical exams. All four need to take and pass the physical ability test.
- Chief Hamilton would like to address the Standard Operating Procedure for Wakes & Funerals at the next meeting. Asst. Chief Gasco will have his comments ready.
- The Board agreed to go to a summer meeting schedule as follows: July 1, August 12, and September 9. Additional meetings will be posted as needed.
- The opening of Puffins has been delayed due to an issue with the fire alarm system.
- The Board reviewed account balances. Chief Hamilton would like to get an extension ladder for the Fire Alarm truck. Station 3 has been waiting for a gear rack. The cost is about \$1200. Asst. Chief Gasco asked if there were

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enough funds to buy a chain saw. He was told that the Ladies Auxiliary is doing a fundraiser with proceeds being used for this type of equipment.

- Chief Hamilton provided apparatus reports for April, May and June as follows:

April/May

Engine 1: generator out of service, driver's rear door window regulator

Tower 1: deck gun out of service (parts on order), pressure relief on truck waterway needs adjustment.

Rescue 1: hydraulic tool system leak

Engine 2: all set

Engine 4: discharge #1 not closing, compartment light out

Hose 1: all set

Engine 3: compartment lights and puddle light out

Forestry 1: light bar lights out

Engine 5: passenger air horn not working, license plate light, back-up alarm intermittent

Repairs:

4/11/19 Engine 1 Annual PM Service & sticker - Ballard Truck

4/15/19 Engine 1 air leaks repaired - Ballard Truck

4/16/19 Engine 5 Annual PM Service & sticker - Ballard Truck

4/17/19 Minuteman performed software update on Tower 1

4/24/19 Rescue 1 Annual PM Service and sticker - Ballard Truck

5/2/19 Engine 4 Annual PM Service and sticker - Ballard Truck

5/8/19 Engine 2 Annual PM Service (including transmission) & sticker- Ballard Truck

5/15/19 Hose 1 Inspection sticker - Ballard Truck

5/15/19 Engine 4 air dryer replaced - Ballard Truck

5/16/19 Engine 4 Torque rod replaced - Ballard Truck

June

Engine 1: generator out of service, driver's rear door window regulator

Tower 1: pressure relief on truck waterway needs adjustment.

Rescue 1: hydraulic tool system leak

Engine 2: all set

Engine 4: discharge #1 not closing, compartment light out

Hose 1: all set

Engine 3: all set

Forestry 1: light bar lights out

Engine 5: passenger air horn not working, license plate light, back-up alarm intermittent

Repairs:

6/6/19 Forestry 1 sticker - Ballard Truck

6/6/19 Engine 3 replaced passenger back up light

6/14/19 4 new tires on Car 1

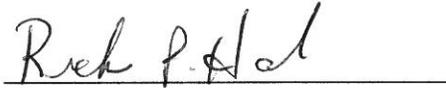
- Gear dryers for Station 3 and Station 5 will be ordered. Funding was approved at Town Meeting.
- The Board reviewed the status of FF. Neal Morrissey. He was given a six-month leave of absence that ended on 12/18/18. He was told to return to active duty, but had no responses for December through June. He is now

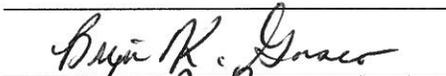
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requesting another six-month leave of absence. Discussion took place. Chief Hamilton recommended giving FF. Morrissey another six-month leave. At the end of that, he must return to active duty or be dismissed from the Fire Department. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to given FF. Neal Morrissey a six-month leave of absence. Before seconding the motion, Asst. Chief Gasco added that FF. Morrissey must report to the Engineer's Office to pick up his equipment and return to active duty. He then made a second to the motion. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote. FF. Morrissey will be notified. He will be told he can return sooner if his circumstances change.

- Chief Hamilton asked Asst. Chief Gasco and Asst. Chief Piscitelli to draw up a list of body work needed on fire apparatus. He would to arrange to have the repairs done.
- The crew from Station 2 submitted a letter to the Board stating they voted unanimously to have Francis King appointed as Captain of Station 2 and Steven Kosiba appointed as Lieutenant of Engine 4 effective 8/1/19 (when Capt. Dave King retires). The Board took the letter under advisement.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:30.





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