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

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Date:

March 2, 2020

Time: 6:30 P.M. MARS

Present:

Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,

Asst. Chief Silver,

Absent: Asst. Chief Piscitelli (vacation)

Invoices were signed. Minutes from 2/3/20 were approved. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

S.O.P. #16 WAKES/FUNERALS UPDATE

Board members reviewed the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for wakes and funerals. Several changes were made. The Board will review the SOG again.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIREFIGHTER

Recruit Madison Gasco graduated from the Mass. Firefighting Academy's recruit training program on 2/24/20 but needs to pass the physical ability test. Ms. Gasco submitted a request for a six-month leave of absence. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to give Madison Gasco a six-month leave of absence effective 3/2/20. This was seconded by Deputy Chief Rudge and carried on a 4-0 vote.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton updated the Board on the boiler at Fire HQ. There is no heat. MPC looked at the boiler and determined it cannot be repaired and needs to be replaced. The warranty does not apply. The insurance company inspected the unit and Chief Hamilton is waiting to hear back from them. Heaters from District 7 are being used to heat the building.
- The date for this year's Firefighter Sunday may be changed. Jeff Dore will update the Board when a date and location are set.
- An individual set a letter to Chief Hamilton apologizing for causing the brush fire on Capt. Peter Simpson Road. Asst. Chief Silver will meet with the person to go over fire safety.
- FF. Neal Morrissey submitted a letter of resignation effective 2/25/20.
 Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept the resignation. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- FF. Trevor Olson is now running with Fire HQ. He is FF 1 & 2 certified.
- Discover Marble is ready to move into their new addition. The building is partially located in Worcester and Millbury.
- Timothy J. Sweets Bakery will open next week. The Bakery is located at 97 Elm Street.
- The new Pakachoag Early Learning Center is ready to open. The sprinkler connection is located on the Oak Pond Street side of the building.

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- Recruit Mark Dagle brought in his certifications from Maine fire departments. He needs to take the physical ability test.
- A proposal was received for luxury apartments to be located at the Steelcraft building, 115 West Main Street. A pre-tech meeting will be held on 3/16/20. Chief Hamilton will keep the Board updated.
- The Lion's Club submitted a request for their annual fireworks displays.
 Required paperwork must be submitted before a permit is issued.
- A marijuana grow facility is ready to start. CO-Grow will be located at 12
 Latti Farm Road-formerly Cameron Valve.
- The new fire alarm box at Town Hall will be active beginning 3/3/20.
- Ladder testing was done last week. Engine 5's extension ladder failed and the attack ladder did not have feet. The extension ladder will be repaired.
 All other ladders passed.
- Worcester Fire is going to MSA G1 air packs with imagers.
- Hose 1 will be taken out of service tonight. F1 will be moved to Station 2.
- Millbury's first battery to store solar power will be installed on Ellenwood Road. It will be located in the garage.
- Capt. Newlands revised the Tower 1 set-up guidelines. The Board will discuss this at their next meeting.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked for an update on the new trucks. Chief Hamilton said he had nothing to report but the finish date is scheduled for 5/22/20.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if the State Fire Marshal had any recommendations for dealing with the Corona Virus. Chief Hamilton said the recommendation was to use universal precautions.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the gear washer and dryer at Station 2.
 Chief Hamilton said installation of the wiring was started today.
- Asst. Chief Silver said at a recent call, Station 2 signed on as "Station 2 is on". Engine 2 arrived at the scene but command had no idea how may were on the truck. The Board agreed an engine should sign on when they leave the station and announce how many are on the truck "Engine 2 is responding with 4". Deputy Chief Rudge will relay this to the station.

Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to adjourn at 19:40.

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