

MINUTES

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

Date: May 18, 2020

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver,

Absent: None

Invoices were signed. Minutes from 5/4/20 were approved. Mail was read.
Account balances were reviewed.

UPDATE ON NEW TRUCKS

Using 200 pictures, Paul Grondalski did a full inspection of the new Engine 3. He forwarded a copy to Chief Hamilton who will forward it to all Board members. A virtual inspection from Plainville, CT is still an option. Mr. Grondalski is in the process of reviewing the pictures for the new Engine 1 and will forward a report when done.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

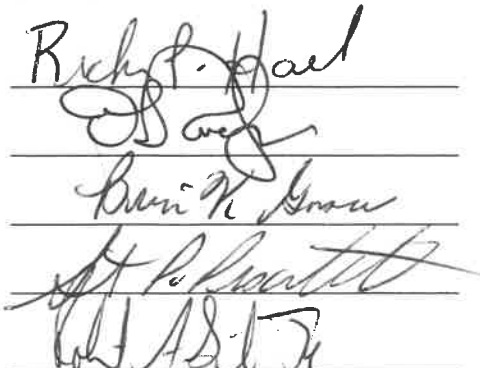
- Station 2's dryer has been wired. The plumbing should be completed tomorrow. Instructions on using the dryer will be posted.
- Green energy funds have been approved to replace the lights at Station 2. Work should be done in July or August.
- Robert Sullivan made a donation of \$2600 to the fire department. Funds will be used to purchase two thermal imagers for the air pacs.
- The alarm system at Brierly Pond's clubhouse has been upgraded. Three homes have removed and capped the smoke detector on the high ceiling.
- Chief Hamilton reported a HVAC unit on the top of Cordis Mills was nearly blown off the roof during last week's high winds. A gas line was also broken. The unit and gas line were repaired.
- Chief Hamilton attended a virtual department head meeting. The Town will do an abbreviated ceremony for Memorial Day. Veterans will be transported to different stops in Town. Residents are not encouraged to attend. The Board agreed to opt out of attending this year.
- Town offices will be staffed on 5/26/20 but will not be open to the public. When the Town Hall does open, the Town Manager suggested allowing access only to the Town Clerk or the Treasurer/Collector. All other business must be done on line, through regular mail, or by appointment.
- The Town Manager is considering cutting some budgets due to the expense of COVID 19 and a decrease in local aid.
- The Board reviewed account balances. A transfer was made from the Salary Account to the Purchase of Service Account to cover the Town's portion of the FEMA grant.

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- Lt. Steven Kosiba dropped his pager in Briery Pond. The cost of the repairs was cheaper than purchasing a new one.
- Engine 1 & Engine 5 are doing search & rescue for tonight's training. Engine 2 is doing outside clean up and Engine 3 is doing pump training at the Shaw School. Chief Hamilton asked Asst. Chief Gasco to work on a training schedule for the summer months.
- Chief Hamilton said the Town may be eligible for a \$1.2 million grant to cover COVID 19 expenses. The information was given to the town manager.
- Deputy Chief Rudge will retire on June 30, 2020. The Board discussed notifying the Selectmen to fill the position when reappointments are done. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to ask the Selectmen to appoint Francis B. King to the Board of Fire Engineers effective 7/1/20 when reappointments are done. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Chief Hamilton said the police officers were having lunch at Station 2. The practice has stopped.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked about COVID 19 procedures. Are they still in place? Chief Hamilton said yes, masks are to be worn at all calls, social distancing as much as practical, keep the stations clean, no full department meetings to be held, and training should be done outside as much as possible.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked about a pump training class. Chief Hamilton will contact Capt. Swenson.
- Asst. Chief Silver suggested training Capt. Newlands to use the Fire Department's Facebook page. Discussion took place. The Board agreed to have Asst. Chief Silver train Capt. Newlands and to stress that sensitive material is not to be posted.
- Chief Hamilton submitted an application for a COVID 19 grant for fire departments. Items available include decon for gear, N19 masks, hand sanitizer stations, etc.

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


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