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

Date: August 12, 2019 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Minutes from 7/2/19 were corrected and approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Asst. Chief Silver was late and was not present when votes were taken.

COMPANY OFFICERS POSITIONS AT STATION 2

David King retired on 7/31/19 leaving the captain's position open at Station 2. The crew submitted a letter in June, stating they were in favor of having the Board appoint Francis King as captain. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to appoint Francis B. King as captain of Station 2 effective today (8/12/19). This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and it carried on a 4-0 vote.

This created a vacancy in the lieutenant's position. The letter submitted by the crew stated they were in favor of having the Board appoint Steven Kosiba as lieutenant of Engine 4. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to appoint Steven M. Kosiba as lieutenant of Engine 4 effective today (8/12/19). Asst. Chief Gasco seconded the motion and it carried on a 4-0 vote.

Both men were brought into the office and were told of their appointments. Board members congratulated them and said they had confidence in their ability to continue to do a good job.

EXPLORER POST UPDATE

The Board discussed the Explorer Post. The cost of membership has increased and the Boy Scouts may file for bankruptcy. Asst. Chief Silver suggested cutting ties with the Boy Scouts and having the Fire Department take over the group. It would be Town-run. The Board would need to set policies and operating guidelines. Chief Hamilton is looking into the cost of insurance for the Post. After some discussion, it was decided to put this on the Agenda for the next Board meeting.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- FF. Day provided a doctor's letter stating he can return to firefighting duties.

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- The Board reviewed the Training Schedule prepared by Chief Hamilton. Something needs to be arranged for 8/19/19. Instructors will be present for the water supply drill on 9/16/19. The fill site will be at Brierly Pond and the dumpsite will be at the Shaw School. The drill planned for 9/23/19 will be done at the Shaw School with Sutton, Oxford, and Auburn participating. Instructors will be present. The tractor-trailer extrication drill will be held in Auburn with Station 2 remaining in Town for coverage. Another drill will be scheduled so Station 2 can attend. The Aerial operations scheduled for 10/21 will be a classroom session. "Hands on" training will be scheduled for a weekend. All members will have the opportunity to operate the Tower. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to approve the Training Schedule. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- CareOne will provide food for all members on 9/9/19 in appreciation for all the Fire Department does.
- Tower 1 is out for repairs. S.V.I. will do a full p.m. on the truck, repair the relief valve, and adjust the cable so the ladder extends to 95'. Chief Hamilton is arranging to have the brakes on the pick-up truck and the hydraulic leak on Rescue 1 repaired.
- The ambulance backed into its building last weekend damaging a piece of the trim. MedStar will handle repairs.
- Sunrise Detox has plans to purchase the house at 31 Main Street and use it as a "sober" house. Chief Hamilton is looking into what this involves and will let the Board know.
- At 7:00 p.m., Board members discussed an incident that happened on 8/10/19 in front of Station 3 involving FF. Ray Hobin, III. Chief Hamilton asked FF. Hobin to attend the meeting at 7:00 p.m. so he could be involved. He did not appear. Chief Hamilton told the Board the circumstances of the incident and the replies FF. Hobin gave to Capt. Swenson. Chief Hamilton recommended a six-month suspension. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to suspend FF. Hobin as follows: 2-months for insubordination, 2-months for vandalizing fire department property, and 2-months for lying to the Fire Chief with time to be served consecutively (resulting in a six-month suspension). This was seconded by Deputy Chief Rudge and carried on a 4-0 vote. FF. Hobin will be notified by certified/registered mail.
- Chief Hamilton had revised drawings for the new fire station. The Board suggested some changes. Revisions will be made for the next Committee meeting on 8/15/19.
- Deputy Chief Rudge invited everyone to Station 2's annual cookout on 8/17/19 at Rudge's camp. HQ's will cover Station 2's district.

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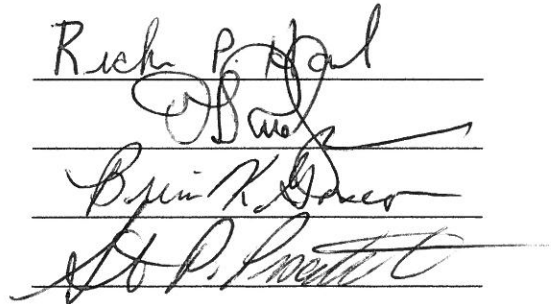
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- Deputy Chief Rudge asked why there was a cruiser 24/7 at the new roundabouts. Chief Hamilton said they are there to help direct tractor trailer trucks while construction is done. Cruisers will be there until the project is finished.
- Deputy Chief Rudge looked into the expired license number being used on permits submitted by Osterman Gas. He said this number should not appear on any permit and if it does, the permit should not be accepted.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli updated the Board on retired Capt. Stephen Brock. He was doing well after his surgery and is recuperating at home.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli wanted to personally thank Chief Hamilton for the display of pictures he put up at Station 5. Chief Hamilton had pictures of past captains restored and framed and then hung them at Station 5. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said it looked great and wanted to thank Chief Hamilton for all his time and effort. He said the families would like the display as well.
- Asst. Chief Silver would like to order gear racks for Station 3. This will be done at the next meeting.
- The Board discussed who should be entitled to merit pay if a member is not on the department for a full fiscal year. After some discussion, it was decided to determine who is entitled on a case-by-case basis.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:00.



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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk