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

Date: October 21, 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 10/7/19 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Chief Hamilton started the meeting by thanking the Board members for their support while he was out. He also thanked Asst. Chief Silver for heading up the fire prevention program and Open House.

EXPLORER POST UPDATE

The Board is waiting to hear about insurance coverage for the group.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- The Shaw School will hold a drill on 10/25/19. Chief Hamilton is not available and asked if any Board member could take command.
- Hash marks have been placed on the chiefs and company captains coats. Chief Hamilton is working on the lieutenants coats. He wants to complete the active members before doing retirees.
- Board members were told there are two inspection trips planned for each new truck. The Board need to determine how many trips to schedule and who will go. Funds not spent on the trips can be used for additional equipment. The trucks will be built back-to-back and should have consecutive vehicle identification numbers. A cost increase was to go into effect on 10/1/19. The contractor agreed to waive the increase if the contract was signed quickly. It was submitted today.
- Chief Hamilton said FEMA increased the amount of the grant because the request was lower than other requests for the same type of truck. FEMA will provide 95% of the cost. The Town needs to provide a 5% match (\$28,750). Chief Hamilton spoke with the chair of the Finance Committee who agreed that if the fire department couldn't fund it, they would find a way to do it.
- Chief Hamilton talked about two grants being offered by the Department of Fire Services (DFS). One was for the purchase of hoods and gloves. The other was for a gear washer. Awards will be announced in December.
- Funds remain in the (DFS) grant used for thermal imagers for SCBA. Chief Hamilton would like to purchase more.

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- The round-about will be paved tonight. On/off ramps may be closed at some point.
- The power will be shut down during the night at 95 Elm Street on 10/23/19. This is needed so the installation of the new elevator can be completed.
- Andrew Finneran, a Millbury resident, applied for membership. His work schedule at this time makes him unavailable for an interview on a Monday night. Chief Hamilton asked the Board if he could conduct the interview at another time. Discussion took place. Board members agreed they had no issue with Chief Hamilton doing the interview but they were concerned with Mr. Finneran not being available on Monday nights for training. Chief Hamilton will contact him and explain this.
- Millbury is sending three recruits to the Mass. Fire Academy's Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Class being held in Leicester. Alex Newlands, Madison Gasco, and Madison Adams were accepted into the class. Capt. Newlands prepared them for the orientation. Classes start on 11/2/19. They need to be outfitted with NFPA compliant gear and SCBA's.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the fittings on Engine 4. Chief Hamilton said he submitted a micro grant to replace fittings and adapters. If the grant is denied, he will purchase what is needed.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the deck gun from the old Engine 2. It is being stored at Station 2. FF. Jeff Kosiba purchased the truck and would like to have the deck gun. After some discussion, Board members agreed to dispose of the old deck gun and if FF. Kosiba wants it, he can take it.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if the boiler room doors could be left open for additional heat. Board members approved the request.
- Board members discussed what to do with Hose 1 when it is replaced. Chief Hamilton would like to see it used as a parade truck or stored somewhere until a fire department museum is established. Board members agreed.
- Chief Hamilton asked if a drop ceiling could be installed in the hose tower at Station 2. He said this would be a good location to install the gear washer and dryer. Asst. Chief Piscitelli will check on this.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli told the Board he sent out the gas meter calibrator for repairs. American Safety found a hose that was disconnected. The unit will be shipped back as soon as possible.
- Asst. Chief Silver asked if the District 7 Fire Investigation Team could use Forestry 3 when they are activated. Discussion took place. Board members agreed that as long as Asst. Chief Silver was responding, the truck could be used. They recommended storing any tools in the station so they would be available if the truck was being used by someone else.

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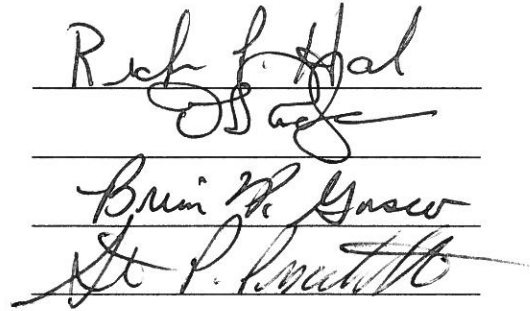
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- A final print for the new Engine 3 is in the office for the Board to review.
- The Ladies Auxiliary requested that an announcement about the Wine Tasting be done at the tone test each day this week. The Board approved the request.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:20.



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Regina A. Markey, Clerk