

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

Date: December 16, 2019 Time: 6:00 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:00 P.M. COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING

The following officers were present for the meeting: Capt. Newlands, Capt. King, Capt. Swenson, Capt. Strom, Lt. Cadrin, Lt. LaVallee, Lt. J. Kosiba, Lt. S. Kosiba, Lt. Dalton, and Lt. Krumsiek. Items covered were:

1. It was determined that someone was living in the Bramanville Industrial Park at 175 West Main Street. The Building Inspector is looking into the building and is working with the owner to improve the sprinkler system. Chief Hamilton received an updated layout of the complex. Also, the FDC was blocked by a fence the State put up while repairing Sutton Road. Chief Hamilton advised everyone to cut the fence for access to the FDC.
2. Chief Hamilton thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their tool donation. Milwaukee cordless tools will be placed on each engine and the Rescue. Ray's True Value and Wheelabrator also donated to the effort.
3. Chief Hamilton thanked everyone for their participation in covering Worcester and attending funeral services for Lt. Menard.
4. With the increased cancer prevention efforts in the fire service, Chief Hamilton said cleaning of gear needs to be stressed. No dirty gear should be allowed in the trucks. The fire department received another State grant for the purchase of a gear washer. This will be installed at Station 2. The new trucks will also have washable seat covers that should help to eliminate contaminants. Chief Hamilton also said the plymovent systems should be used in each station.
5. The green co meters were calibrated and the calibrating unit was repaired. New (orange) meters have been purchased. They do not need to be calibrated and will work for six-years.
6. An abutter to Clearview Golf Course has filed lawsuits opposing the project. The court case will be heard on 1/10/20.
7. Capt. Swenson asked for an update on the new trucks. Chief Hamilton said he is waiting for "build dates" to be posted. Capt. Swenson asked about the status of the gear locker for Station 3. Asst. Chief Silver said he is putting some figures together.
8. Capt. Strom asked about radio antennas. Chief Hamilton has some on hand. Capt. Strom asked if Station 3 would be the full time response to Grafton when the new truck comes in. He was told the Board would decide when the time comes.
9. Capt. King asked for training on solar panels. Chief Hamilton will arrange to have someone do the training. He also said that Aquarion Water did a new hydraulic capacity of the Town's water supply. He said Aquarion will do training for the Fire Dept. and would supply a map.
10. Chief Hamilton thanked everyone for the work they have been doing on their stations (cleaning & painting). He said a drop ceiling will be installed at Station 2

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- in the room where the gear washer will go. The large ladder at Station 2 will be moved.
11. Deputy Chief Rudge said the Department had a good year and likes to see the enthusiasm of the guys. He said they do a good job and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
 12. Asst. Chief Gasco asked if the State was doing cancer screening. Chief Hamilton said not yet but it is available at Harrington Hospital at a cost of \$850 a person. Also, classes are held at the Mass. FF Academy on cancer awareness.
 13. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the guys are doing a hell of a job and to keep it up.
 14. Asst. Chief Silver agreed and that he was all set.
 15. Lt. Cadrin said that when Engine 1 does coverage in Worcester, it would be a good idea to carry Narcan. Discussion took place-the Board will consider this.
 16. Lt. Joseph Kosiba reported the roof is leaking at Station 2. Deputy Chief Rudge will get someone to check it.
 17. Lt. Steven Kosiba asked if new gloves were available. Chief Hamilton had a pair for him.
 18. Chief Hamilton said white dress gloves have been given to everyone. They are part of your uniform and you are responsible for them (keeping them available and clean).
 19. Chief Hamilton also thanked the guys for the Santa runs-saying everyone appreciates it.
 20. Lt. Cadrin said Engine 1 had a transmission problem. The truck is at Specialty Vehicle now for repairs-this will be added to the list.
 21. Lt. Krumsiek asked about automatic mutual aid to Worcester. Chief Hamilton said this is being worked on.
 22. Company Officers left at this time.

BUDGET FY21

Chief Hamilton prepared a budget for FY21. It will be submitted on 12/17/19.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- FF. Neil Morrissey was scheduled to return to active duty today. Chief Hamilton will follow up.
- Chief Hamilton read an update on the progress of the two recruits in the Training Program.
- Madison Adams submitted a letter of resignation from the Fire Department effective 12/10/19. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to accept the resignation. Asst. Chief Silver seconded the motion & it carried on a 5-0 vote.
- The Board read a letter from Lt. Siebenhaar requesting equipment for Rescue 1. The Board agreed to add \$9,000 to next year's budget as a capital item to purchase the equipment.
- Chief Hamilton said the Public Safety Building Committee will place an Article on the next Town Meeting for plans for a new fire station.
- Chief Hamilton asked Asst. Chief Gasco to work on a training schedule for January through June. A Monday in January needs to be set aside for the Firefighters Relief Association meeting.

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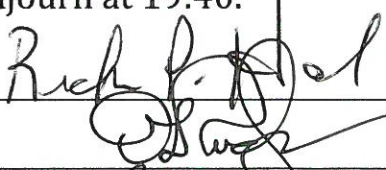
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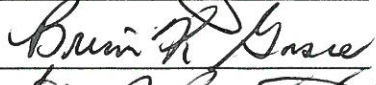
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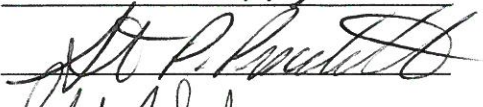
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- The Board reviewed a quote for equipment for the new Engine 1. This came in at \$10,000 and included a new style thermal imager. Lt. Cadrin suggested doing a fundraiser for the equipment. Discussion took place. The Board was not in favor of doing a fundraiser. Asst. Chief Gasco said the imagers should be the same on every engine and the Board should start to think about replacing all of them. It was agreed to have Engine 1's crew prioritize the list and resubmit it.
- Asst. Chief Silver is working to get the Explorer Post back on track.
- Asst. Chief Gasco met with a representative to go over cordless chain saws. Wheelabrator will donate funds to purchase three.
- The Lion's Club had offered to purchase hoods for the Fire Department.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli brought up the issue of a recruit having to pass the physical ability test before being allowed to go through the Mass. FF. Academy training program. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion that a new recruit must take and pass the physical ability test within six-months of taking their physical exam. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote. This is effective immediately. The State's Human Resources Dept. requires that a physical exam must be less than six-months old to take the physical ability test.
- The Board received an application for membership from someone who received their FF1/11 in Maine. Chief Hamilton will investigate if this is equivalent to Massachusetts' certification.
- Asst. Chief Silver asked about a set of JAWS for Engine 3. Chief Hamilton said a set has been ordered. Another set will be purchased for Engine 1 out of the FEMA Grant.
- The Town is developing a Social Media Policy. Chief Hamilton will attend the meeting next week and show them the Fire Department's Policy.
- The Library is looking for someone to do a presentation on being a firefighter. The date is January 16, 2020. Asst. Chief Silver will handle this.

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








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