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

Date: May 4, 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 3/2/20 were approved. Mail was read.
Account balances were reviewed.

REVIEW QUARTERLIES

Asst. Chief Silver had concerns about the attendance of the captain, lieutenant, and FF. Paszkowski at Station 3. He will speak with all three.

MARK DAGLE-STATUS

Recruit Mark Dagle is now a little reluctant to go to the Mass. Fire Academy's recruit training class (MFA) after saying he would during his interview. Chief Hamilton reviewed his credentials from Maine and felt the training was equivalent to Massachusetts. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to appoint Mark Dagle as a firefighter effective today. In addition, if at any time any chief officer feels that Dagle needs to go to the MFA, he will be required to attend. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. FF. Dagle is assigned to Fire HQ. He will need to complete driver training and pump training.

UPDATE ON NEW TRUCKS

Chief Hamilton reported both trucks are done. Photo inspections will be done and then a virtual inspection will be done in Plainville, CT. If they are ok, the trucks will be shipped.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

The Town Hall continues to be closed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- The Board talked about changing over Engine 1 to 5" hose and using it as a spare pumper.
- Tools for the new trucks have been delivered.
- The gear rack for Station 3 will be ordered at the end of the fiscal year if funds are available.
- Chief Hamilton submitted grant applications for upgrades to the radio system and the replacement of Engine 4.
- Chief Hamilton gave the following Apparatus Report:
 - Engine 1: All set
 - Tower 1: All set

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Rescue 1: SCBA fill gauges leaking, hydraulic system leaking

Engine 2: All set

Engine 4: All set

Hose 1: All set

Engine 3: All set

Forestry 1: Light bar lights out

Engine 5: All set

REPAIRS:

3/31/20 Engine 4 to SVI for water tank repair

4/7/20 Service and inspection sticker on Engine 5 at Ballard Truck

4/14/20 Service and inspection sticker on Rescue 1 at Ballard Truck

4/14/20 Engine 4 water tank repair completed by UPF (warranty), rear of poly tank behind "Keep back 500 feet" welded. SVI arranged the repair.

4/16/20 Ballard Truck completed repairs on Engine 5

4/20/20 Place Motors did repairs on Car 1, water leak near firewall, rear brakes & directionals.

4/21/20 Service and inspection sticker on Engine 1 at Ballard Truck

- Chief Hamilton reviewed the issue with the smoke detector on the cathedral ceilings in some of the units at Brierly Pond. He spoke with the Brierly Pond Association, an electrician, and the Building Inspector to provide a solution to the problem.
- Chief Hamilton reviewed the video of the lift fire at 9 Railroad Avenue. He determined it was an electrical issue with the machine.
- The Board discussed the solar farm at 275 West Main Street.
- Turn out gear was not ordered this fiscal year. Four sets will be purchased next fiscal year.
- Chief Hamilton attended a Zoom meeting concerning the parking at the High School and Goff Street.
- Linda Gosselin will provide an online class for the second half of the CPR/First Responder training. Chief Hamilton notified everyone to look for an email from Linda detailing the instructions.
- Board members reviewed the budget balances. Because of the major repairs to the boiler at Fire HQ, the Board needs to watch what is spent.
- Board members reviewed the revision to the Wakes & Funeral Guideline. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept the revisions. This was seconded by Deputy Chief Rudge and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked why the police were hanging out at Station 2. Chief Hamilton will look into this.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the hot water tank at Station 2. Chief Hamilton said it was a fitting and was repaired.
- Deputy Chief Rudge said the water leak in the roof at Station 2 has not happened again.

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- Deputy Chief Rudge suggested getting rid of the asbestos around the exhaust pipe at Station 2. Chief Hamilton asked Tom O'Connell about this but has not received a response.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked for an update on the public safety buildings. Chief Hamilton said the Finance Committee and Town Manager are in favor of the fire station but not the police station. An article will be placed on the Warrant of the next Town Meeting asking for funds to have plans drawn up for the building.
- Asst. Chief Silver said all members should be wearing masks on all calls. Masks should be donned as soon as you enter the truck. Chief Hamilton will send a reminder to all.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:45.





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