



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Board of Fire Commissioners – Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2015

Present: Joachim VanElls, Frank Barney, Carl Pitts, Dale Nicholson, Ronald Streeter, Earl McBride, Sue Wood

Guest: Steve Parker, Greg Crump

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ronald Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the agenda with an addition of adding transfer of funds under new business. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$152.60
- NAPA Auto Parts \$96.17
- MX Fuels \$224.43
- Nicholville Telephone \$65.86
- Champlain Communications \$290.25
- B-Lann Equipment, Inc. \$177.72
- Northern NY Newspapers \$23.86
- Evans and White Ace \$20.97
- Earl McBride \$600.00
- Sue Converse \$35.00
- Susan Lyons \$35.00
- Janice Barney \$35.00

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to approve payment of the presented claims. All in favor; motion carried.

Earl McBride presented the treasurer’s report. The beginning balance was \$52,873.28. After payment of the December claims, the balance will be \$51,116.42. There were no deposits and no changes in petty cash. A duplicate bill was received from Admiral Fire & Safety but he will send a letter

showing proof of payment. Dale Nicholson (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor: Greg Crump inquired as to the status of the disability forms for the new insurance company. Information was submitted to the insurance company.

Correspondence: Fire District Affairs Newsletter was received and distributed.

Chief's Report: There are no known building or mechanical issues to report. Truck inspections and inventory were completed. E61 is leaking transmission fluid and coolant. The chainsaw on R-71 is not running well. It was sent over to D&D Repair but he reported he couldn't fix it. SCBA inspections were also completed.

Last month members logged 37 man hours responding to calls; 63 man hours of training and 62.5 man hours doing general station work/work details/fundraisers. In-house training was held. Two (2) members completed Principles of Building Construction: Combustibles and two (2) members completed DEC Search and Rescue Skills.

The safer Grant funding is in place and Recruitment and Retention Program is set in motion. Calls for the month included:

- 11/3/15 – MVA (car vs. deer) – State Highway 11B
- 11/12/15 – Fire Alarm Activation – State Highway 72
- 11/14/15 – Standby for Parishville Fire Department
- 11/18/15 – MVA – Rollover involving vehicle fire – State Highway 458

Ron Streeter asked if the rescue ropes were being checked as certified as required. All ropes are certified. Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business: The end of year meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Frank Barney (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to transfer \$750 from category E3 to C21. All in favor; motion carried.

Ron Streeter volunteered to take the chainsaw to the Woodchop Shop to have them look at it or get a price for a trade-in. Joachim VanElls (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve the purchase of a new chainsaw not to exceed \$800. All in favor; motion carried.

Ron Streeter volunteered to take E-61 to Lamphere's for repair.

Old Business: The hose is still on back order for the DEC grant. The radio and vests have been received. Chief Parker will contact DEC and explain the situation.

The truck committee has not met.

Ron Streeter reported he attended the recent St. Lawrence County Highway meeting. It was reported that fuel tanks are now following federal guidelines.

Carl Pitts (Ron Streater) made a motion to adjourn. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary