



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioners Meeting – November 8, 2016

Present: Ronald Streeter, Carl Pitts, Joachim VanElls, Dick Powers, Earl McBride, Sue Wood, Steve Bory (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

Guest: Ernest Wood, Steve Parker

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Streeter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The FEMA grant was added to the agenda. Dick Powers (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Carl Pitts (Dick Powers) made a motion to accept the minutes from October 11 and October 18 as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

- Dicky’s Barbeque \$500.00
- Nicholville Telephone \$68.94
- National Grid \$188.11
- Nicholville Telephone \$69.07
- Lamphere’s General Repair \$512.05
- Mike’s Trophies \$67.80
- Evans and White Ace Hardware \$51.08
- St. Lawrence Supply \$84.80
- G&E Extinguishers \$145.00
- NAPA Auto Parts \$6.98
- Champlain Communications \$23.00
- B-LANN Equipment Company \$118.69
- McNeil and Company \$2457.65
- Susan Wood \$1200.00

- Earl McBride \$450.00
- Cornerstone \$146.00

Dick Powers (Carl Pitts) made a motion to approve payment of presented claims. All in favor; motion carried.

Financial Report

Earl McBride reported a balance of \$41,431.02 at the beginning of the month. After payment of presented November claims, the balance will be \$35,341.85. The petty cash has a current balance of \$18.46. He requests an additional amount of \$181.53 to bring the balance to \$200. He needs to purchase stamps. There is an outstanding check to the fire department and he requested Chief Parker to inform the treasurer to cash this. Carl Pitts (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor; motion carried.

Carl Pitts (Dick Powers) made a motion to replenish the petty cash and purchase stamps. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – none

Correspondence – An invoice was received from Environmental Health in the amount of \$825. Upon investigation, a check was sent in June for \$900 and in August for \$225. The company will keep the credit and apply to the next round of physicals.

Chief's Report

The furnace was serviced. Airlines have been repaired a few times. Truck inspections and inventory were completed. The small electrical issue with E61 seems to have been resolved. The siren on ETA 49 is not working. SCBA inspections were completed and the fire extinguishers were serviced and filled.

Last month members logged in 16.5 man hours responding to calls; 0 man hours of training; 194 man hours spent doing general station work/work details/fundraisers. Various truck, pump and in house training were held. Two (2) radio/pagers are needed.

The department plans to start hosting a breakfast once a month at the fire station during the winter months. There will be members and non-members working at this fundraiser, cooking, grilling and serving. The first breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, November 20.

The presentation to the high school juniors and seniors at PHCS was a mild success as two (2) new applications were completed. The banquet was held on October 15. The members enjoyed an excellent meal and much needed fellowship.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is near completion. SCBA's are being requested (16 unites, 16 spare bottles and 32 masks). A 5% co-pay from the District would be needed. The deadline for this is November 18.

Calls for the month included:

- 10/22/16 – Chimney Fire, 87 River Road with 12 members
- 10/27/16 – False alarm, Intersection of SH72 and 11B with 9 members

Ron Streeter asked Chief Parker why the extra masks were needed as this could cost more money for maintenance. A discussion was held on testing. The department should also consider 16 new brackets. Approximately \$7,000 has been spent over the past four (4) years that will not be able to be used if the grant comes through. These also may be eligible to sell due to the grant.

Ron Streeter (Joachim Van Ells) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

Joachim VanElls (Carl Pitts) made a motion to support the submission of the AFG. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business

- Election inspectors – Susan Lyon, Sue Converse and Janice Barney were contacted to see if they were still interested in serving as inspectors for the December elections. All were interested in continuing. Dick Powers (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to appoint them as election inspections at a rate of \$35 each. All in favor; motion carried.
- Election Date – December 13, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Purchase of Radios/Pagers: Carl Pitts (Ron Streeter) made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) radios. All in favor; motion carried.
- Transfer of Funds:
 - Transfer \$200 from E2 Pagers to E1 Radios
 - Transfer \$200 from E3 Turnout Gear to E1 Radios
 - Transfer \$0.50 from C21 Miscellaneous to Payment Interest

Carl Pitts (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to approve the transfers. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

- Truck Committee – a meeting needs to be scheduled to finalize the specifications. The committee has met with one company already.
- USDA Update - The application for the USDA cannot be completed until confirmation is received from DASNY regarding the state funding.
- We are waiting for the final confirmation from Senator Little's office on the application. The application had to be changed for the amount of \$150,000.
- Ernest Wood stated that the district should look into joining the Florida State Sheriff's Association for purchasing. He believes we could join for \$25 to \$50.

- The December meeting will be held in the municipal offices while the elections will be held in the town hall on December 13.

Dick Powers (Carl Pitts) made a motion to adjourn. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary