



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Fire Commissioner Meeting – April 12, 2016

Present: Ronald Streeter, Steve Bory, Joachim VanElls, Carl Pitts, Earl McBride,
Sue Wood

Absent: Dale Nicholson

Guest: Ernest Wood, Steve Parker, Greg Crump, Ben Wood, Dick Daby

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Additions to the agenda included travel request for May 16 and an additional invoice from Wilber’s Hardware. Carl Pitts (Steve Bory) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Joachim VanElls (Ron Streeter) made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$196.97
- Nicholville Telephone \$66.06
- MX Fuels \$405.60
- Stephen Bory \$88.00
- Champlain Communications \$181.95
- Evans and White Ace \$121.97
- Wilber Hardware \$24.95

Joachim VanElls (Carl Pitts) made a motion to approve payment of the presented claims. All in favor; motion carried.

The treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$96,143.73. After payment of April claims, there will be a balance of \$95,058.23. Reimbursement of \$506 (check #1820) was made to the fire department for the safer grant. The Safer Grant has a balance of \$2,124. The current balance in the capital reserve is \$6,750.41; the balance in the Equipment Reserve is \$63,045.04. Carl Pitts (Steve Bory) made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – none

Correspondence – The NYS Association of Fire Districts newsletters were distributed.

Chief's Report: There are no known building or mechanical issues to report at this time. Truck inspections and inventory have been completed. Engine 61 pump packing and the front suction is leaking. There are no other issues to report at this time. SCBA inspection has been completed. Pack 2 is out for repair. Last month members logged 41 man hours responding to calls; 27 man hours of training and 41 man hours spent doing general station work/work details/fundraisers. Annual elections were held with the following results: Chief – Steve Parker; 1st Assistant – Ernie Wood; 2nd Assistant – Greg Crump; 3rd Assistant – Ben Wood; Treasurer – Dale Nicholson; Secretary – Will Votra; Directors – Jonathan Burnett, Jerry Goldsworth, Jason Bruett (Zahler vacancy), Carl Pitts (Wood vacancy).

Two members completed FASNY Collyear Mansion training; department OSHA is scheduled for April 9 and May 4. In house leadership development training and in house firefighter training were held. Personal inventory inspection revealed various small items of PPE that will be ordered this month. The barbeque will potentially be scheduled for May 29 and the field day July 23. Refreshments will be sold during garage sale days. Recruit NY Open House is scheduled for April 23 from 10:00 to 2:00. Pending dates for fire pit construction and the training tower construction. Calls for the month include:

- 3/4/16 Chimney Fire, 363 Wilson Road with 9 members
- 3/4/16 Assist Tri-Town, 1084 Santamont Road with 3 members
- 3/7/16 Structure Fire, 305 Water Street with 10 members
- 3/14/16 House filling with smoke, 2516 State Highway 11B with 10 members
- 3/16/16 Water emergency, 7 Church Street with 11 members

Steve Parker and Greg Crump attended a conference on Hoarders.

Carl Pitts (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to accept the Chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business: Discussion was held on guidelines for fire officers. Joachim VanElls made a motion to approve each officer separately. As there was no second, the motion failed. Ronald Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion to vote on the election of officers as a package. All in favor with Joachim VanElls abstaining. Motion carried. Carl Pitts (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to accept all four officers. All in favor with Joachim VanElls abstaining. Motion carried. A hose reel is needed for the station. Joachim VanElls (Carl Pitts) made a motion to purchase a hose reel. All in favor; motion carried.

Joachim VanElls requested that a requirement be made for all officers to have Fire Officer I training. A discussion followed on this. A suggestion was made by Ronald Streeter to contact other districts regarding this requirement. No action taken.

Joachim VanElls reported he spoke with Sharon Henderson from Senator Betty Little's office. There is funding available through the Dormitory Authority. They will email him the paperwork for the application. It was also suggested to approach the Regional Economic Development for funding.

The NYS Fire District Officers Guide is available for \$296. Joachim VanElls (Steve Bory) made a motion to purchase. All in favor; motion carried. The NYS Law book has arrived.

Old Business: Steve Parker drew up tentative plans for a new station. This was designed for approximately 7500 square feet with a meeting room, kitchen, and six drive-through bays. Land needs to be located.

The truck committee has general specifications put together. Ron Streeter is going to go to the bank to inquire about possible funding.

Bob Freeman will be in Tupper Lake on May 16. Carl Pitts, Ronald Streeter and Steve Bory are interested in attending this seminar. Joachim VanElls (Steve Bory) made a motion for the commissioners to attend this. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commissioners requested the Chief distribute the new by-laws and the SOG's.

Joachim VanElls (Steve Bory) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary