



**HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT**

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Hopkinton, New York 12965  
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Fire Commissioner Meeting – May 10, 2016

Present: Ronald Streeter, Dale Nicholson, Joachim VanElls, Earl McBride, Sue Wood

Absent: Steve Bory, Carl Pitts

Guest: Ernest Wood, Steve Parker, Ben Wood, Dick Daby, Gerald Goldsworth, Joe VanElls,  
Justin Sweet

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Additions to the agenda included a letter under correspondence. Joachim VanElls (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to approve the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

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

The following claims were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$173.47
- Nicholville Telephone \$65.79
- MX Fuels \$368.04
- Ronald Streeter \$69.99
- B-LANN Equipment \$614.52

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

The treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$94,762.23. After payment of May claims, the balance will be \$93,470.42. Mr. McBride also noted that there is an error on the budget sheet for the Equipment Reserve fund. The balance should be \$63,035.83, not \$10,000. The transfers were not recorded on the sheet. Ronald Streeter (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Justin Sweet submitted a letter of interest for fire commissioner, in the event of an opening.

Correspondence: A letter was received regarding the DEC grant proposal. William Young, Attorney, submitted a letter regarding a retainer. This is the second year a retainer was not paid. If needed, the hourly rate will be paid.

Chief's Report: There are no known building or mechanical issues at this time. Truck inspections and inventory were completed. R71 was sent to Lamphere's Garage to check the front end due to poor handling. SCBA inspections were completed; Pack 2 is back from repair. Last month members logged 42.5 man hours responding to calls; 133 man hours of training; 122 man hours of general station work. The department held OSHA training on April 9 and May 4. Members who were excused will be contacted for make-up dates and times. In house Leadership Development training and Firefighter 1 prep were held. A request was made to purchase *Essentials of Fire Fighting 6<sup>th</sup> Edition/Student Workbook/ Exam Prep* for \$140 and *Fire Officer: Principles and Practice/Student Workbook/Exam Prep* at a cost of \$208. Personal inventory inspection revealed various small items are needed: flashlights (5 at \$75 each), Carbon Hoods (5 at \$35 each), Gloves (3 pair at \$70/pair), Turnout Coat Name Plates (7), ID Tag Snap Hooks and Ring (12 at \$4 each) for an approximate total of \$800

Upcoming fundraisers include a Chicken Bar-b-que on May 29, garage sale refreshments on June 4 and Field day on July 23. Recruit NY Open House was held on April 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There were a few visitors. The time was also used to wipe down, clean and perform maintenance on the tools. The fire pit construction has begun. The Alcoa Grant -Training Tower Construction is on hold until the funds are received from the Action Grant. The Chiefs are requesting a trip to the NYS Fire Chief show to research SCBAs with the hopes of submitting a grant for them.

Calls for the month: April 2 – MVA – 2458 State Highway 11B with 13 members; April 9 – Standby in Parishville with 5 members; April 13 – Tri-Town lift assist – 248 County Route 49 with 5 members.

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to approve the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business: Dale Nicholson (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to purchase the requested books. All in favor; motion carried. Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to approve the purchase of the requested personal gear. All in favor; motion carried. Ronald Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve the chiefs attending the NYS Fire Chief show. All in favor; motion carried.

Dal Nicholson submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Fire Commissioners due to relocating. As there was not a quorum, this will be tabled until the June meeting.

Old Business: Ronald Streeter reported he had received truck specifications from two (2) other companies. He visited a new fire building in Long Lake that was approximately 5500 square feet and cost \$862,000. He met with Community Bank but they can only go 10 years for financing. He spoke with

a representative from Greene County Bank and on borrowing \$180,000 the payment would be \$15,050 for 15 years or \$21,577 for ten years. They recommend paying for the chassis first to save money.

Joachim VanElls requested a work session be held between the commissioners and the fire officers to review the by-laws and best practices. No action was taken.

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood