



Commissioners Meeting – May 14, 2015

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

Guest: Chief Steve Parker, Richard Daby, Greg Crump, Ernie Wood, Ashley McDonald, Jim Bogardus

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Addition to the agenda included tanker specifications under old business. Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to accept the April minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

[AFDSNY	\$75.00
[National Grid	\$173.65
[Hopkinton Fire Department	\$89.00
[Nicholville Telephone	\$67.56
[NAPA Auto Parts	\$27.49
[Lampheres General Repair	\$711.50
[Champlain Communications	\$144.75
[MX Fuels	\$277.43
[G & E Extinguisher	\$146.00

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

Earl McBride presented the financial report. The balance at the beginning of the month was \$94,835.44. After payment of the May claims, the ending balance will be \$93,302.96. A deposit

of \$180 was made for water hauling. Dale Nicholson (Frank Barney) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor: Jim Bogardus presented information on VFIS Insurance Company. He will attend the next meeting to answer any questions.

Correspondence: Information on the Volunteer Assistance Grant (DEC) has been received. The return date is June 30.

Information was received from Grant Genies regarding grant writing. They will charge \$1500 to write a grant with no guarantees. The commissioners decided not to respond.

Chief's Report: There is no known building or mechanical issues to report. Truck inspections, SCBA inspections and inventory were completed with no known issues. Last month members logged 19.5 man hours responding to calls; 110 man hours of training and 24 man hours doing general station work. One in-house training (CPR First Aid Refresher) was held, as well as four (4) hours of OSHA refresher. Those lacking OSHA hours will be contacted to make up the time they missed and will need to complete by July 31, 2015.

There are currently 15 interior qualified firefighters. Ten (10) sets of turnout gear have been purchased within the last two (2) years. Five (5) more sets need to be purchased of which two (2) sets are needed immediately. There are three (3) interior firefighters who haven't kept up their certifications (lack of physical or fit test). These sets may need to be purchased once they are certified again. There is one (1) member who plans to take Firefighter I as soon as he can so this would be a future purchase.

Upcoming fundraisers include a chicken barbeque on May 24, craft fair on May 30, Hot dog/hamburger stand at town wide garage sales and summerfest events in July.

The department would like to request the commissioners purchase drinking water to carry in R71. There were two (2) calls for the month of April: mutual aid to Tri-Town Rescue on 4/29 on 79 County Route 49 with six (6) members and one (1) grass fire at 2989 State Highway 11B with 15 members.

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

New Business: Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to purchase a new battery for the automatic defibrillator. All in favor; motion carried.

Frank Barney (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to purchase two (2) sets of turn out gear at a cost not to exceed \$4500. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to purchase drinking water for R71 at a cost not to exceed \$50. All in favor; motion carried.

Frank Barney (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to establish a petty cash fund in the amount of \$200. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to apply for the VFA Grant. Suggestions included a low-band radio, and life vests for water rescue. All in favor; motion carried.

A committee consisting of Frank Barney and Ronald Streeter will meet and review insurance policies.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to purchase water rescue equipment at a cost not to exceed \$750. All in favor; motion carried. This item will be taken from the turn out gear allocation.

Old Business: A discussion was held on buying a replacement tanker. This will be referred back to committee.

A discussion was held on rust treating the fire trucks. Prices will be checked on and will be put on the June agenda.

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to adjourn. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ronald Streeter