



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioners Meeting – July 9, 2015

Present: Frank Barney, Dale Nicholson, Carl Pitts, Ronald Streeter, Joachim VanElls

Sue Wood, Earl McBride

Guests: Gerald Goldsworth, Ernie Wood, Steven Parker

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Additions to the agenda include Safer Grant status under new business and insurance policy under old business. Ronald Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

The minutes from the June 11, 2015 meeting were presented. Joachim VanElls (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$158.57
- Nicholville Telephone \$66.20
- All Hands Fire Equipment \$74.98
- Lampheres General Repair \$1067.68
- Hopkinton Fire Department \$877.62

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

The financial report was presented by Earl McBride. There was a beginning balance of \$90,748.66. After payment of the July claims, the current balance will be \$89,381.23. Petty cash had a beginning balance of \$139.04. A purchase of \$32.01 was made for receipt/ledger books, bringing the current balance to \$107.03. Dale Nicholson reported that he had reconciled the bank statement against the checkbook. Dale Nicholson (Frank Barney) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Gerald Goldsworth asked if the compressor had been repaired. This was fixed by Ronald Streeter. Earl McBride informed the board that the district is currently making only 0.5% on the

special accounts. He would like permission to approach the bank for a better rate or to put a certain amount into CD's. Earl will check out the different options and report at the next board meeting.

Correspondence – Received three (3) newsletters from the Association of Fire Districts. There was also a letter from the Association regarding a rate increase for membership dues of 2.9%, effective January 2016.

Chief's Report: There is no known building or mechanical issues to report. Truck inspections and inventory have been completed. The recoil starter on the portable pump in E41 needs to be repaired. SCBA inspections were completed. Last month members logged 13 man hours responding to calls; 64 man hours of training; 24 man hours of general station work. The background check for Nate Francis came back with no issues. Garrett Roberts submitted a letter of resignation and has transferred to the Brasher-Winthrop Fire Department. A few in-house trainings were held. Self-rescue/bail out training was completed with the assistance of West Stockholm Fire Department. Joe VanElls completed Firefighter Survival and Carl Pitts completed Accident Victim Extrication. The PPE quotes are in and one set was ordered. A quote has been received for the AED battery and will be ordered with a purchase order. Future fundraiser will involve various summerfest events. There was one (1) call in June – a structure (oven) fire on County Route 49 on June 5 with 13 members. Carl Pitts (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business – Frank Barney would like to start work on the 2016 budget at the August meeting. Please review the current budget and be prepared to make suggestions. Also, note that the sales tax distribution has decreased. Dale Nicholson reported that he had worked on the SAFER grant with Melanie Sherwin. This is a grant to assist with the recruitment and retention of volunteers. He has received notice to submit a direct deposit form. One of the things that was written into the grant was reimbursement for the grant writer; however, he has been informed that this could not be reimbursed as it would have had to be paid previously.

Old Business – The committee will meet with the representative to review policies.

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary