



Fire Commissioners Meeting – October 9, 2014

Present: Carl Pitts, Frank Barney, Dale Nicholson, Ron Streeter, Earl McBride, Sue Wood

Guest: Ernest Wood, Steve Parker, Gerald Goldsworth

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Revisions to the agenda included adding town hall key under new business. Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the minutes from September 11 as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

[Community Bank	\$17,242.50
[MX Fuels	\$1952.39
[McNeil and Company	\$8160.75
[Nicholville Telephone	\$67.48
[National Grid	\$156.60
[Bauer Compressors	\$770.00
[Admiral Fire & Safety	\$1447.08
[Evans and White	\$97.88
[Champlain Communications	\$220.00
[First Due Services LLC	\$1071.00
[Lamphere Trucking & Repair	\$52.14
[Lowes	\$89.00
[Tyler Fire	\$1607.37
[Tyler Fire	\$65.67

Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to approval payment of claims. All in favor; motion carried. The claim from Admiral Fire & Safety will be reimbursed by the insurance company.

EarlMcBride reported that the starting balance in the checking account was \$73,030.37. After payment of claims, the balance will be \$40,030.51. Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Gerald Goldsworth asked if any thought had been given to having the books audited. Chairman Barney responded that due to the budget being under \$200,000, it was not a requirement. However, with a new treasurer taking over, it would be a good time to have this done. Ron Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion for Chairman Barney to contact Bassett Lanes in Malone regarding an audit. All in favor; motion carried.

Gerald Goldsworth also stated that the department has done a lot of work recently and the station is looking good. The station is also being used a lot so asked if any thought had been given to fixing the water. He mentioned that there is a company advertising that they can fix the problem with the smell; he has a system installed at his home and it removes the sulphur. It has a cost of approximately of three hundred dollars (\$300). He will bring the information for Ron Streeter to check into.

Chief's Report: There are no known building or mechanical issues to report. Truck inspections, inventory, and SCBA inspections have been completed. The SCBA bottles have been returned from testing and two (2) new bottles have been received and will be placed in service.

Members logged two (2) man hours responding to calls; 21 man hours of training; 125 man hours of general station/work details. Colin Pearl's suspension has been extended. This is due to failure to attend the minimum of six (6) meetings . His suspension will end if he attends the November 6 meeting. Nate Francis' suspension has been extended. His suspension is due to not attending the minimum of six (6) meetings and failure to complete the OSHA training. His suspension will end if he attends the November 6 meeting and completes the OSHA training.

Pump Ops class will be held at the station in November. Four (4) members completed Live Fire Training and four (4) members completed Water Rescue Awareness.

There are no Chimney Flares. He requests that a half dozen be purchased. A rifle raffle is being held with the winner being drawn on December 2. The annual chicken barbeque will be held on October 12.

The department will be taking part in Fire Prevention at Parishville Hopkinton Central School. The department may be asked to bring an apparatus for viewing.

The department has designed policies for Social Media, Disciplinary Action and Member Conduct Expectations. Copies were distributed (see attached) for review with suggestions/comments to Steve before November 6 department meeting.

Calls for the month included a tree down on the Santamont Road on 9/5 with four (4) members responding. Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the chiefs report. All in favor; motion carried.

Correspondence

- [Received notification from DEC that our grant had been denied
- [Letter from NYS Office of State Comptroller regarding property tax cap form

Old Business

Commissioner vacancy – Justin Sweet expressed his interest at the September meeting. Discussion was held as to whether the commissioners wanted to appoint someone now or wait until the December election. Ron Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion to leave the position vacant until the election. All in favor; motion carried.

Furnace cleaning – Ron Streeter reported that he had contacted Corner Stone but they did not have an account on file. Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to establish an account and have the furnace cleaned. All in favor; motion carried.

Carbon Bottles – carbon bottles have been received

New Business

Transfer of funds – Accounts need to have a credit balance and cannot be in deficit. Internal transfers will need to be done in order to be correct. A subcommittee will work on setting up this system to be effective January 1, 2015. The subcommittee will consist of Frank Barney, Dale Nicholson and Earl McBride.

2015 Budget Public Hearing – Dale Nicholson (Frank Barney) made a motion to hold the budget public hearing on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. All in favor; motion carried.

Town Hall key – Dale Nicholson made a request to have a key to the town hall. Carl Pitts (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to email a request to the town supervisor. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to purchase 8 chimney flares. All in favor; motion carried. Frank Barney will go to Tractor Supply and establish an account so these can be purchased.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary