



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioner Meeting - September 12, 2013

Present: Frank Barney, Gerald Goldsworth, Jim Hollenbeck, Dale Nicholson, Sue Wood

Absent: Mike Opal

Guest: Steve Parker, Ernest Wood, Carl Pitts, Tim O'Brien, Greg Crump, Ron Streeter, Donna Mosier, Mike Bradshaw, Randy Brent

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Items added to the agenda under old business were non-members in trucks. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Minutes from the August 8 regular meeting were presented. Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried. Minutes from the August 20 budget meeting were presented. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$151.07
- Frank Barney \$56.78
- Nicholville Telephone \$69.36
- Northern Fire Equipment \$785.00
- Champlain Communications \$204.00
- Northern NY Newspapers \$36.79
- Sullivan's Electric \$70.32
- Admiral Fire & Safety \$1451.51
- Lamphere Trucking \$274.83

Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion for approval of the presented claims. All in favor; motion carried.

The September financial report was presented. With the returned check fees, the beginning balance was \$51,712.55. Deposits for the month were made in the amount of \$108 (for returned checks) and

\$60 (water haul). After payment of the above claims, the checking account balance will be \$48,780.89. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Mike Brashaw asked if he could wait and speak on the fire boat when scheduled on the agenda. Ernest Wood reported the generator was taken to Lawson’s Electric. They cleaned the contact and made some adjustments. A new breaker had to be installed and this should be ready for pick up on Monday.

Chief’s Report – There was a small air leak in the air lines from the compressor. The leak has been repaired. ETA-49 has the same fuel delivery issue as previously reported. As everyone is aware of this, it will be monitored and adjusted as needed. R-71 was sent out for generator repair. Parts will have to be ordered. All other trucks are in working order at this time. The arson check is still pending on Garret Roberts. Members logged 27.5 man hours responding to calls; 55 man hours of training; and 10 man hours doing general station work. Two (2) members are taking firefighter II; two (2) members are taking firefighter I. A few members have logged in driver training hours. An accident victim extrication training was held at the station. Calls for the month: Motorcycle accident on 11B with 12 members; EMS assist with Tri-Town with 4 members; motorcycle accident on Peck Street with 8 members; EMS life assist with Tri-Town Rescue with 6 members; landing zone established for helicopter with 13 members.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the chief’s report. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business: A letter of resignation due to health reasons was received from Mike Opal. Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the resignation. All in favor; motion carried.

Frank Barney (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to send a thank you letter to Mike for his service. All in favor; motion carried.

A question was asked as to what the intentions are for the replacement of this position. Letters of interest can be sent to Sue with a possible vote in October.

The treasurer’s salary was discussed. It was felt that the reason why no one wanted to take the position was because the salary was low. After discussion, Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to leave the salary at \$600/year. All in favor; motion carried.

Gerald Goldsworth requested that all items brought to the commissioners be brought forth by the chief. There should not be any last minute requests or reports.

Gerald Goldsworth feels that only one (1) chief should be allowed to attend the Chief’s show. Dale stated that it was established last month that all four (4) chiefs should attend as there is always new technology to see and the show is too large for one (1) person to see it all. Dale Nicholson (Jim

Hollenbeck) made a motion to leave as established in August. Motion carried with Gerald Goldsworth abstaining.

Gerald Goldsworth said it was not a labor law to acquire rescue ropes. Dale mentioned that these should be purchased for the safety . When there is a fire, all firemen are employees. Frank Barney (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to table this until more information is received. All in favor; motion carried.

It was stated that firemen need to request prior approval when attending a parade or a funeral.

Gerald Goldsworth was wondering if there is a state contract list available. It was noted that this is available on the website.

Mike White will be invited to the October meeting to discuss the insurance policy.

Dale Nicholson questioned the movement on a new building. He would like everyone to be informed of any discussion regarding this. It was reported that a piece of property is needed before anything can be discussed.

Old Business

Mike Bradshaw, President of Lake Ozonia Association spoke about the boat project. Two (2) years ago a boat exploded on the lake and drifted past 20 cottages. This caused a concern because there are certain places that a truck cannot get to. A committee was established to look at purchasing equipment with donations. A pontoon boat was found and purchased by the department. This was brought to the lake in August for a meeting to keep the campers informed. To date, over \$4,000 has been donated towards this project.

At the August meeting, the commissioners had requested the chief to make sure the boat was NFPA compliant. This was confirmed. The department has asked the district to assume ownership, with the department making the repairs until funds were exhausted. A check with the insurance company shows that the district can insure the boat but leave ownership with the department. The trailer would be insured by the vehicle towing it. This leaves the department the responsibility of the maintenance. The lights are now mounted, life jackets and paddles have been obtained. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to purchase insurance on the boat. All in favor; motion carried. A question was asked if the department can use some of the old equipment on the boat. A policy will be established and innnp-house training will be held.

A review of the 2014 budget was held. A discussion was held as to where funds could be found for rescue rope. Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the tentative proposed budget. All in favor; motion carried. A public hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 at the town hall.

Steve Parker reported that a policy has not been established for non-members riding in department vehicles. Jim Hollenbeck (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to table this until the October meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

A suggestion was made to have some sort of privacy shield for the vote on the purchase of a truck.

Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary