



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioner Meeting – December 13, 2012

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

Absent: Mike Opal

Guest: Mary Fullerton, David Fullerton, Ben Wood, Ron Streeter, Greg Crump

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additional agenda items included moment of silence for Randy Aiken, and grants. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Randy Aiken, former chief of Nicholville Volunteer Fire Department, who passed away.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes from November 2012 as presented. All in favor;; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$94.60 (pre-paid)
- B and P Auto Parts \$16.75
- Champlain Communication \$108.00
- Nicholville Telephone \$68.34
- Tyler Fire Equipment \$299.50
- Genaway Oil Supply \$75.00
- Northern NY Newspapers \$35.68
- Janice Barney \$35.00
- Susan Lyon \$35.00
- Sue Converse \$35.00
- Town of Hopkinton \$185.10

- McNeil and Company \$1,422.89

Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to approval payment of the bills presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The financial report for December was presented. The account balance was \$31,706.19 at the beginning of the month. After payment of the above bills and a check order fee of \$27.85, there will be a current balance of \$29,267.48. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the December financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor: It was asked if anyone had any information on Mike Opal. He came home from the hospital today but no other status was available.

Chief's Report:

- Interior firemen still needing an interior physical for SCBA usage:
 - Jake Hollenbeck, Lance Lesperance, Colin Pearl
- Interior firemen still needing a fit test
 - Lance Lesperance, Jake Hollenbeck, Dale Nicholson, Phil Wagner, Colin Pearl
- Environmental Services will be doing physicals on December 15 (Madrid) and 16 (Brasher). This will be the last chance for the members needing physicals before having their interior clearance pulled.
- All equipment appears to be in good running order.
- New narrow banding took effect on November 5, 2012. All pagers seem to be currently operating fine. There may not be a need to reprogram until they are sent out for other repairs. The base station, mobiles and portables have been reprogrammed. Any transmissions must be on the frequency assigned by the FCC.
- Central Dispatch is running a new software program with the recent upgrade. "Active911" will allow dispatch to actually send a text message and digitized phone calls to cell phones and landlines. The department will start using on a trial basis. This is free for the first year and will go to \$12/device/year after. The benefits and cost vs. pagers can be weighed next year.
- Calls for the month included:
 - 11/6 – MVA on State Highway 11B/458 with 7 members
 - 11/7 – mutual aid for structure fire on 482 county Route 51 with 8 members
 - 11/8 – mutual aid for rekindle on structure fire on Route 51 with 5 members
 - 11/8 – MVA at 2981 State Highway 11B with 7 members
 - 11/10 – Mutual aid with Tri Town Rescue for lift assist with 6 members
 - 11/28 – MVA on 563 County Route 49 with 8 members
 - 12/1 – Mutual aid with Tri Town Rescue for lift assist with 2 members
 - 12/4 – Standby in Parishville for structure fire 546 County Route 47 with 12 members
 - 12/4 – Mutual aid with Tri Town Rescue for lift assist with 3 members

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

New Business:

- Election results – Jim Hollenbeck has a five year term as a commissioner.
- Correspondence from Postal Service: a survey was received regarding the hours for Nicholville Post Office going to four (4) hours a day with suggestions. The survey will be returned with the hours of 8:00 – Noon.
- Sue requested permission to send the check to MX Fuel for fuel oil upon receipt of invoice. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve sending payment prior to meeting. All in favor; motion carried. At the same time, we will check on making sure the station is scheduled for automatic delivery.
- Grants – There is currently a DEC grant as well as a federal grant for recruitment/retention available. The federal grant will be to set up a fitness program which includes getting physicals covered. NFPA requires a weight room in any new building. The DEC grant could possibly be used to outfit the boat. Dale Nicholson (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to complete the paperwork for the grants. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business:

- Frank reported that he noticed that Paul Smith's had a tanker for sale (84 Spartan, 1000 tank, 1500 pump, 18,681 miles, front suction but no dump). The pump needs packing; there are no leaks but the plumbing is rusting.
- Northern Fire was contacted and they should have a tanker for us to look at in mid-January. Also spoke to Mike Burke about ETA44. He is willing to trade the truck from Dickinson Fire for ETA44, even up except for getting the truck delivered. Scott Smith will be contacted for an estimate on the cost. Dale Nicholson mentioned he did not think this is what we need but he is okay with it on a short term basis. The commissioners need to remember that this is short-term and we need to keep looking for what is needed. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to trade ETA44 for the Dickinson fire truck. All in favor; motion carried. Jim Hollenbeck will also contact Toomey Brothers for a price.
- Dale requests that we have a plan ready in mid January for the purchase of a tanker.
- Dale Nicholson completed the commissioner training through Scicchitano and Pinsky. A check for \$100 will need to be submitted to get the certificate. After discussion, Jim Hollenbeck (Frank Barney) made a motion to submit the \$100 fee for the certificate and contact the Association of Fire Districts requesting a refund on the initial fee paid as there were no make-up classes offered. All in favor with Dale Nicholson abstaining; motion carried.
- Dale Nicholson reviewed the highlights of the training:
 - Do not use standard operating procedures
 - Use regular or best practice procedures

- Notice is needed if a member moves out of town; this is needed so the department can vote to keep as a member; if this is not done within 30 days, they are no longer covered under workman's comp
- Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to pass a resolution that all members are accepted as their membership currently stands. All in favor; motion carried. Steve Parker will share with the membership.
- Public meetings – we need to follow the open meetings law.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary/Treasurer