



12/30/2013 – Board of Commissioners - End of Year Meeting

Present: Frank Barney, Jim Hollenbeck, Gerald Goldsworth, Dale Nicholson, Ronald Streeter, Bonnie Helfter, Sue Wood

Guest: Ernie Wood, Benjamin Wood, Steve Parker, Greg Crump, Carl Pitts

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The fuel tank was emptied. Ron Streeter will contact MX Fuels to see if they are on state contract and if we can purchase non-ethanol/high performance fuel. Frank Barney (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to purchase 200 gallons each of gasoline and diesel.

The bid on Auctions International has closed at \$2,550. Gerald Goldsworth (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the closing bid. Ron Streeter will relay the information to the bidder. Gerald Goldsworth recommended that we send all the old turnout coats with the truck.

Correspondence has been received from the Association of Fire Districts regarding obtaining updated information.

As stated at the regular December meeting, election guidelines have been drawn up. Ronald Streeter (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to approve the following guideline:

Hopkinton Fire District Election Guidelines

The annual election shall be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday in December. The hours the polls will be open will be from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall give notice in the designated newspaper of the upcoming elections. This notice shall include the time of the election, place to be held, and the offices to be elected and terms of such office.

Poll markers will be placed by the resident fire elector at a distance of at least 100 feet from the polling place. Such markers shall be placed at least one half hour before the opening of the polls and shall remain until such polls close.

While polls are open no person or persons shall do any electioneering within the polling place, or in any public street within 100 foot radial area, or within such distance in any place or manner. No electioneering banner, button, poster, or placard on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate or issue to be voted on shall be within the posted area. Any person who willfully violates this provision will be guilty of a misdemeanor as per NYS Town Law, §175 (Election of Fire District Officers).

All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

Janice Barney	\$35.00
Sue Converse	\$35.00
Susan Lyon	\$35.00
Bonnie Helfter	\$50.00
US Post Office	\$46.60
National Grid	\$155.78
Scanlon's Auto Parts	\$48.46
Signs	\$18.00
Bicknells	\$48.95

Gerald Goldsworth (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to approve payment.

Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to renew membership with NYS District of Fire Associations with payment of dues for \$75. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to pay the invoice for ProFleet in the amount of \$1,225 for the undercoating on the trucks. All in favor motion carried.

With the above payments, there will be a balance of \$26,420.15 in the checking account. Discussion on purchasing rescue ropes was held. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to purchase rescue ropes for 12 interior at a cost not to exceed \$5000. All in favor; motion carried. Chief Parker will send out requests for exact pricing.

Ronald Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to make the following fund transfers:

\$10,000 from the checking account into Equipment Reserve
\$ 1,000 from the checking account into Capital Reserve

All in favor; motion carried.

Bonnie noted that she had ordered checks from the bank. As these are for the district, there is no cost. Carl Pitts was reminded that he would need to contact Vickie French, Town Clerk, to get sworn in as the new fire commissioner.

Dale Nicholson (Ronald Streeter) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary