



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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February 14, 2013 – Commissioner Meeting

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

Absent: Mike Opal

Guest: Dick Daby, Greg Crump, Steve Parker, Ernest Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items added to the agenda include Attorney under Old Business; parade, and bidding of equipment under new business. Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes from the January organizational and regular meetings. All in favor; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

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| • National Grid (pre-paid) | \$166.56 |
| • Admiral Fire & Safety | \$1807.80 |
| • Champlain Communications | \$296.45 |
| • Jaysen Barber | \$75.00 |
| • James Hollenbeck | \$125.00 |
| • Dickinson Tire & Auto | \$958.67 |
| • MX Fuels | \$1370.20 |
| • Northern NY Newspapers | \$13.30 |
| • Signs, Inc. | \$24.00 |
| • Jeffords Steel & Engineering | \$38.00 |
| • Tyler Fire Equipment | \$106.19 |
| • Town of Hopkinton | \$216.72 |
| • Nicholville Telephone | \$71.38 |
| • B & P Auto Parts | \$23.94 |

- Environmental Health \$225.00

An insurance bill of \$7,528 was received and added to the February audit. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approval payment of bills. All in favor; motion carried.

The financial report was presented. An error was made in carrying over the end of the year figures. The beginning of 2013 actually had a carry over of \$13,380.58 due to a check subtracted twice. The beginning balance for the month of February was \$13,002.85. After payment of the February claims, the balance will be \$7,651.40. It was decided to pay the insurance bill once the town money is deposited. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Chief's Report – The two firemen lacking the interior physicals have been notified they are no longer eligible for SCBA usage. Fit testing still needs to be completed by Lance Lesperance, Jake Hollenbeck, Phil Wagner and Colin Pearl. All equipment appears to be in good working order. Upcoming fundraisers include the rifle raffle (drawing in March) and the ham dinner (February 23). Letters were given notifying the commissioners of the events. The department is still waiting for the arson check to be returned on Rich Lashomb. ETA needs a rear seal and the emergency brake needs to be checked. R71 needs a new exhaust and king pins.

A few months ago, the department members were signed up for Active 911 with the impression it would be free for one year. There was miscommunication on this and the department now only has 45 days to decide whether to continue the use of the service. It would cost \$12/device.

Gerald Goldsworth questioned what the brand new muffler was on the shelf downstairs. Steve will check on this item. Dale Nicholson remarked that the Active 911 system was useful. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the Chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business

- An adapter is needed for ETA49 for the fill site in Ft. Jackson. This site is now a 5" as was taken out of the Hopkinton Park to replace the one broken by the plow. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to purchase one if one not found in stock. All in favor; motion carried.
- Shared service agreement – a letter was sent to the Town Board regarding the continuance of shared services between the fire department and the town. This was approved by the Town Board.
- A parade will be held during the Tri-Town Winter Carnival. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion for approval for a truck to participate. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

- 2012 Annual report has been submitted.
- Update on truck purchase – Northern Fire Equipment expects to have the truck in Watertown by the end of next week. Once this is received, the committee will travel down to look at it.
- A quote was received from McGregor Electric Co. for the wiring of the fuel tanks for an estimate of \$825. A quote was also requested from Ed Carr. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion that upon receipt of the second quote to have the electrical work done at a price not to exceed \$825. All in favor; motion carried.
- Attorney – Frank has contacted an attorney in Watertown. Sue spoke with Silver and Collins in Canton. Rates will be requested from Silver and Collins.
- Equipment bidding – if the district purchases the truck from another district, the bid process is not needed. It will still need to go in front of the taxpayers.
- A discussion was held on the Active 911 system. At \$12/device and 23 members, this would be a total of \$276. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to purchase the Active 911 system at \$12/member. All in favor; motion carried. Steve Parker will forward the invoice.
- ETA 49 has a seal leaking and a problem with the emergency brake. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion for approval for repairs. All in favor; motion carried.
- R71 needs an exhaust and kingpins. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to send this truck for repair once ETA 49 has been returned. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary