



**HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT**  
2876 State Highway 11B  
Hopkinton, New York 12965  
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Commissioner Meeting – July 11, 2013

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

Guest(s): Vickie French, Ron Streeter, Ben Wood, Steve Parker, Ernest Wood, Greg Crump, Mike Berkman; Loren Hollenbeck (arrived 8:00 p.m.)

Chairman Barney called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 13, 2013 meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$151.81 (prepaid)
- Hopkinton-Ft. Jackson Fire \$1461.30
- Steve Parker \$314.89
- Jeffords Steel & Engineering \$88.56
- Nicholville Telephone \$66.84
- Northern NY Newspapers \$12.22

Dale Nicholson (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to approve payment of the presented claims. All in favor; motion carried.

The July financial report was presented. A deposit of \$923.12 was received for the 2% insurance money and a \$30 deposit for a water haul. After payment of the above claims, the balance will be \$53,548.19. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. All in favor; motion carried.

### Chief's Report – Steve Parker

The department members will assume responsibility for janitorial duties for the station. Currently, there are no building or mechanical equipment issues to report. The trucks are all in working order. Joshua Streeter was accepted as a new member. Joshua is a transfer from Chateauguay Fire Department and a letter of good standing was received. An arson check was completed with no convictions found. Members logged in 23 man hours for responding, 55 man hours of training and 16 man hours of general station work. Six (6) members completed interior physicals – J. Burnett, G. Crump, L. Hollenbeck, D. Nicholson, S. Parker and B. Wood.

Quotes for new gear were received from Admiral Fire (\$1849; Jerome Fire (\$2065.60) and Jerome Fire (\$1680). The second quote from Jerome Fire did not meet the specifications requested. New gear is needed for new member Dave Fullerton and Josh Streeter. Josh is already interior qualified. In addition to last month's supply request, three (3) more flashlights are needed, as well as gloves and hoods. The chief would also like to request two (2) more radio/pagers as they are currently none in stock. A pair of size 12 boots is also needed as the pair issued to Carl Pitts have a hole in the bottom.

A list of items for consideration for the budget workshops was also presented. Calls for the month included mutual aid with Tri-Town Rescue on June 22 with 5 members; mutual aid with Tri-Town Rescue on June 24 with 7 members and an MVA on State Highway 11B on June 25 with 10 members.

Dale Nicholson reported to the chief that Heather Nicholson's Minitor II will be returned when she goes to college; however it is not working right. It was also reported that the motor from the air compressor was taken to Malone for repair.

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

Jim Hollenbeck (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the replacement of the treasurer. All in favor; motion carried. Executive session was entered at 7:17 p.m. Executive session ended at 7:32 p.m. with no action taken. The regular meeting was resumed.

### New Business

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept Joshua Streeter as a new member of the department. All in favor; motion carried.

Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to schedule a public hearing to override the 2% property tax. All in favor; motion carried. The public hearing will be held at the August 8 meeting at 7:00.

The quotes for the purchase of turn out gear were discussed. Vickie French stated that her understanding when the district was created that it was for obtaining grants but she hasn't seen any evidence of this yet. FEMA grants can't be applied for until the gear is ten (10) years old and grant people are looking at true needs. They are going to give funds to departments that have expired gear. Grants have been looked into but there is nothing we can apply for yet. We have received two (2) DEC grants in the past three (3) years for radio equipment. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to purchase two (2) sets of turnout gear from Admiral Fire & Safety at a price of \$3,698. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to purchase additional flashlights, gloves and hoods. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to purchase two (2) additional pager/radios. All in favor; motion carried.

### Old Business

- Ladder and pump testing – still in the process of being scheduled
- 2014 Budget – still waiting for dates; will be on next month's agenda
- Shelf brackets – made but not installed yet
- Painting of cement barrier – paint is peeling. Frank will check with Lowe's to see what can be done
- Fire truck purchase – the meeting will adjourn to outside to look over the truck that Northern Fire Equipment is selling. Vickie French asked if any specification packages were going to be put together and sent out. Specs were put together but never bid. This gave us a good idea of what the price would be for new vs. used (\$110,000 vs. \$300,000). The idea is to get a truck in the station and then work on bidding a new one in the future. New trucks currently won't fit into the station due to the sizes. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn to outside to review the truck.
  - 2001 KME International
  - Polytank 1000
  - Hale 1250 Single Stage
  - 2 – 6" suction hoses
  - Strainer
  - 24' ladder and a 10' attic ladder
  - Pipe pole, axes
  - Hose bed cover
  - 4,000 miles
  - \$95,000 with one year parts/labor warranty
    - Will replace the bumper with a brand new one

The meeting moved back into the hall at 8:20 p.m. Discussion was held on whether the truck would do what needs to be done. The reply was not as it currently sits as the tank would need to be at least a 1500 gallon. However, apart from the size of the tank, the truck fits the need. A 1500 gallon tank could be put on for an additional \$11,000. The time frame for modifying the truck would be about 45 days from the time the order was placed. A comparative new truck would be more than double the cost. This is also a district to district purchase.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to purchase the truck with additional modifications and providing it fits in the current fire station at a total cost not to exceed \$106,000. Final vote shows as follows:

Nicholson – yes; Hollenbeck – yes; Barney – yes; Goldsworth – don't care. Motion carried.

Community Bank and William Young, Attorney, will be contacted to start the process of the paperwork.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary