



Commissioner's Meeting – June 11, 2015

Present: Ron Streeter, Joachim VanElls, Frank Barney, Earl McBride, Dale Nicholson, Carl Pitts, Sue Wood

Guest: Gerald Goldsworth, Richard Daby, Steve Parker, Ernie Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the minutes from May 14, 2015. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for audit:

[WalMart (from petty cash)	\$60.96
[National Grid	\$131.09
[St. Lawrence Supply	\$54.95
[Earl McBride	\$96.00
[Admiral Fire & Safety	\$857.50
[Nicholville Telephone	\$67.82
[All Hands Fire Equipment	\$521.94
[The Computer Guys	\$100.00
[G-2 BBQ (Doug Lavigne)	\$500.00
[KMJ Web Design	\$25.00

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

The financial report was presented by Earl McBride. The checking account had a starting balance of \$93,302.96. After the June claims, the ending balance will be \$90,748.66. The petty cash started with \$200 and water was purchased for \$60.96, leaving a balance of \$139.04. Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Ron Streeter (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from E3 Turn-out Gear to E5 Miscellaneous equipment. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – none

Correspondence – A proposal was received from Pro Fleet Care for oil treatment of apparatus for a cost of \$1,225. Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion that all vehicles except E96 be scheduled for treatment in September. All in favor; motion carried.

Frank Barney presented an article regarding the update on VFBL/VAWBL Jurisdictional Response. Gov. Cuomo signed Chapter 496 of the Laws of 2014 to make this coverage available for volunteer firefighters when providing emergency services outside of his or her regular jurisdiction before an “officer in command” arrives on the scene and accepts their services. This law goes into effect on June 15, 2015. Joachim VanElls (Dale Nicholson) introduced the following resolution:

It is the intent of this resolution to make available the coverage provided by General Municipal Law Section 209-11-b. Whenever a volunteer firefighter of the Hopkinton Fire District provides services under General Municipal Law Section 209-1 when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present, such volunteer firefighter shall be entitled to coverage under the VFBL provided by the Hopkinton Fire District for the provision of such services. Upon the arrival of a jurisdictional officer in command, such volunteer firefighter shall report to such officer and offer his/her services to assist such fire company or fire department. If such offer of assistance is not accepted, then the volunteer firefighter of the Hopkinton Fire District must immediately cease providing any additional service at the scene of the emergency.

All in favor; resolution carried.

Chief's Report – There are no known building or mechanical issues. Truck inspections and inventory were completed. A coolant leak was noticed on E61 and sent to Lamphere's for repair. This appeared to be a water pump and hoses. SCBA inspections were completed. Members logged in nine (9) man hours responding to calls; 173 man hours of training; 286.5 man hours for general station work / work details. The department voted on and approved the membership application of Nate Francis pending the background check. A few in-house trainings were held during the month. Joe VanElls completed Fire Officer I (54 hours) and Garrett Roberts and Erin Zahler both completed EVOG. The gear will be

ordered once the quotes have been received. The department is out of "Property of" stickers and requesting permission to order more. The department will be participating in the Hopkinton Summerfest events. As summertime presents numerous parades without sufficient notice for district meetings, Chief Parker requests notifying the commissioners as these events happen and the apparatus are outside the district. There was one (1) call for May, a motorcycle crash on Lake Ozonia with nine (9) members. Dale Nicholson (Joachim VanElls) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

Carl Pitts (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve the purchase of "Property of" stickers. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the membership of Nate Francis, pending the background check. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

- [Insurance Policy Review – a copy of the current policy without figures will be sent to Jim Bogardus for a quote.
- [DEC Grant – will request life vests, lo-band ratio and hose for the brush truck
- [Rustproofing – previously approved under correspondence
- [Banquet – all commissioners will be attending
- [Treasurer McBride attended the treasurer training in Keeseville. He reported that there are new rules coming from the comptroller's office. Our system appears to be pretty much in line. OSC will have a conversion program available that will automatically transfer information over for the annual report. Receipts are needed when taking in money for the paper trail. He proposes purchasing a duplicate receipt book for this purpose. Frank Barney (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve the purchase of a receipt book and a ledger. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business

Ron Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion to enter executive session for discussion on an issue with personnel. All in favor; motion carried. Executive session entered at 7:38 p.m. Joachim VanElls (Ron Streeter) made a motion to end the executive session and resume the regular meeting with no action taken. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting resume at 7:42 p.m.

Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary