



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioners Meeting – May 9, 2013

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

Guest: Ben Wood, Ernie Wood, Greg Crump, Steve Parker, Vickie French

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Additions to the agenda included padlock/keys and overflow under old business. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to accept the minutes from April as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- National Grid (prepaid) \$142.62
- G & E Extinguishers \$200.00
- Lamphere Trucking \$292.83
- D & D Small Engine \$ 50.48
- MX Fuels \$1092.13
- Evans & White Ace Hardware \$32.15
- Nicholville Telephone Co. \$66.73
- Champlain Communications \$120.00
- Champlain Communications \$49.95

Discussion was held on the charge of \$49.95 for an antenna for Greg Crump. It was felt that since personal items had not been purchased in the past for chiefs, then this should not be paid for. Dale Nicholson made a motion to approve payment. No second; motion failed. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion for approval of the claims without the \$49.95. All in favor; motion carried.

The financial report was presented. Beginning balance for the month was \$57,773.07. A deposit of \$127 was made (\$105 refund from Champlain Communications, \$22 for Active911 from Steve Parker and Greg Crump for extra phones); and, check #1377 to Tyler Fire was returned for duplicate payment so the account has been credited. After paying the above claims, the current balance will be \$55,993.73. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to approve the Financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of floor:

- Ernest Wood reported he has two (2) Minitor IV pagers that have broken cases and would like to know if the commissioners would like an estimate on getting these repaired. New prices would be approximately \$425 for a Motorola and \$365 for an Apollo. The combination pager/radio would be \$237.50.
- Vickie French reported that the town has recently lost 2.7 million in assessed value. This could affect our tax rate for next year. She also mentioned that the commissioners were entitled to use the town hall for their meetings.

Chief's Report

- ETA49 is back at Lamphere's for repair. It overheated at a fire scene and there is a bad vibration in the rear. It was also back firing and the idle was rough when it was running.
- R71 still needs to be sent for the repair on the exhaust. We are waiting for an open spot at Lamphere's.
- E61 has been repaired. The foam system needs to be repaired as soon as Northern Fire can fit it in.
- E96 has passed inspection. This will also need exhaust work done sometime this year.
- The motor/pump on the extrication tool was sent out for repairs. It now starts and runs good.
- All other equipment has been checked and is in good working order.
- The open house was a success. Two new applicants will be presented at the next meeting. Members voted to accept the applications of Carl Pitts and Dave Fullerton. Arson background checks have come back clean.
- Phil Wagner has requested to be placed on exempt status. This has been approved by the membership.
- The majority of OSHA training is complete. There are some members that need to make up a few hours.
- Interior Physicals were held in Parishville on May 3 and West Stockholm on May 4.
- Upcoming fundraisers and events include: Department banquet on June 8 at the Town Hall; chicken bar-b-que on May 26 and a chicken bar-b-que during July summerfest.
- The following equipment is needed: flashlights (5); turnout gear name plates (4); gloves (5 sets); pager batteries; full set of gear (Dave Fullerton)

- Training costs: \$130 American Heart Association for CPR class; \$46.56 for CPR snacks; \$78.93 for CPR drinks and OSHA lunch).
- Request for travel reimbursement to send chiefs to the NYS Chiefs show to review new products and advances in firefighting (training). Estimate of \$75 for gas, \$25 each for food for a total of \$150)
- Calls for the month include mutual aid with Tri-Town for lift assist on 4/23 with 7 members.

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

New Business

- Paint retaining wall – there is paint in the closet to do this
- Shelf brackets – Frank Barney spoke with Jim Hollenbeck regarding making some shelves for placement in the back of the building. These should be narrower than before.
- In-Kind Service with the Town – a discussion was held on not using the trucks for town services until the trucks are repaired. In a previous situation, a truck was returned low on water and no fuel.
- Ladder testing – ladder testing was not done last year. Jim Hollenbeck (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to contact Northern Fire to schedule a time for ladders to be tested.
- Discussion was held on reimbursing the department for the CPR training (\$130) and the refreshments for a total of \$255.49. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to approve reimbursement. All in favor; motion carried.
- Discussion was held on sending the chiefs to the NYS Chief's show. Jim Hollenbeck (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to reimburse the chiefs traveling to the show as per the travel policy. All in favor; motion carried.
- Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to approve obtaining quotes for the purchase of flashlights, name tags and turnout gear. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

- The installation of the dry hydrants on the Lake Ozonia and Wilson roads need to be completed. There is also a storz connector at the hydrant located behind the town office that needs to be taken off.
- Frank Barney has spoken with Northern Fire regarding the tanker. As soon as the paperwork has been completed at Northern's end, they will bring the tanker to Hopkinton to review. A special meeting as soon as this is scheduled. Rene at USDA will need to be contacted to see about a loan.
- New locks were placed on the fuel tanks and all four (4) chiefs were given a key. The fuel company will also be given one and a sixth key has been placed in the commissioner's file cabinet.

Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:0 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary