



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioner Meeting – November 8, 2012

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

Absent: Mike Opal

Guest: Steve Parker, Ernest Wood, Greg Crump

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 11, 2012. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes from the public hearing which was held on October 16 and the special commissioner budget meeting held on October 18, 2012. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

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| • National Grid (pre-paid) | \$109.02 |
| • Triple A Building | \$42.99 |
| • Tyler Fire Equipment | \$1,490.00 |
| • Champlain Communications | \$1,891.00 |
| • Woodchop Shop, Inc. | \$48.95 |
| • Frenchie's Ford | \$38.73 |
| • Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown, P.C. | \$548.00 |
| • Susan Wood | \$600.00 |
| • Nicholville Telephone | \$66.60 |
| • Dickinson Tire | \$604.52 |

Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion for approval for payment of claims. All in favor; motion carried.

The financial report was presented. The beginning balance for the month of November was \$37,036. A deposit of \$90 was made for water hauling and a deposit of \$20 for the pallet return. After paying the above claims, the current balance will be \$31,706.19. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the November financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Greg Crump asked if Dickinson Tire was going to be the official repair location for the trucks. It was responded that a part had to be ordered so the truck will be going back there.

Chief's Report – Chief Parker reported that Jake Hollenbeck, Lance Lesperance and Colin Pearl still need an interior physical for SCBA usage. Lance Lesperance, Jake Hollenbeck, Dale Nicholson, Phil Wagner and Colin Pearl also need their fit testing. Environmental Services will be doing physicals again on December 15 in Madrid and December 16 in Brasher Falls. This will be the last chance for the members needing physicals before their interior clearance is pulled. The membership approved the transfer of Joseph Van Ells from North Lawrence Fire Department. Joseph moved back in town and left North Lawrence Fire in good standing. RAM member Ryan Sullivan turned 18 in October. The membership voted to approve his status from RAM to Active Member. All equipment appears to be in good working order. E-61 and ETA-49 were both sent out for minor repairs and are back in service. The new narrow banding took effect on Monday, November 5. The base radio, siren radio and all truck radios received loud and clear during the test. The current base station, mobiles and most portables have been programmed. A few remaining portables and pagers will need to be programmed. Chief Parker would like to request to have two cables made for the backup generator and presented a quote from A. Zahler Electric. The quote is for a total of \$50 as he will not charge for labor. A. Zahler Electric also mentioned that if we applied for the NYSERDA Grant he would install the more energy efficient fixtures if the grant were awarded. Calls for the month included:

- ✓ 10/2 Mutual Aid for Tri-Town, 2807 St.Hwy. 11B – 2 members
- ✓ 10/7 Mutual Aid for Lawrenceville for a barn fire, 711 McEwen Road – 8 members
- ✓ 10/16 Mutual Aid for Tri-Town, 1116 County Route 49 – 3 members
- ✓ 10/23 Mutual Aid for Tri-Town, 37 County Route 51 – 5 members
- ✓ 10/29 Tree down in the Road, Converse Road – 11 members

Jim Hollenbeck (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business

- Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the memberships of Joseph VanElls and Ryan Sullivan. All in favor; motion carried.

- Jim Hollenbeck (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to approve the quote from A. Zahler Electric for the cables. All in favor; motion carried.
- Frank Barney will check into the NYSERDA grant.
- Gerald Goldsworth (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to appoint Janice Barney, Susan Lyons and Sue Converse as election tellers for December 11 at a rate of \$35. All in favor; motion carried.
- The election process was advertised in the local newspaper, as well as the request for candidates for a five-year term.
- Sue checked with the Comptroller's Office and there is no specific date to transfer funds to the Reserve Account. Therefore, the transfer of funds was tabled until the December meeting.

Old Business

Frank gave an update on the purchase of a tanker. Northern Fire has located a 1000 gallon tanker and sent the specifications. The truck is estimated to cost \$86,000 and should be available in mid December. If the decision is made to go forward with this purchase, we will need to find financing, work with the attorney, etc. Dale Nicholson stated that he did not think 1000 gallons is enough. Frank also reported that there is a possibility that a 1500 gallon tank could be added for an additional cost bringing the cost to around \$115,000. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of a used truck. Gerald Goldsworth (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to move forward and contact Northern Fire of the interest in looking at the truck. All in favor; motion carried.

Ernest Wood reported that the generator keeps blowing the breakers. He would like permission to take this to Lawton Electric to be checked out. The commissioners asked him to wait until the cables were made for the back up generator.

Greg Crump reported that the air compressor is starting hard and taking a long time to get going. This also needs to be looked at as the motor could be going. It was decided to take the motor to Lawton Electric at the same time the generator goes.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood