



**HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT**  
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Commissioners Meeting – October 11, 2012

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

Guest: Steve Parker, Chief; Vickie French

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Additions to the agenda included (e) keying building, (f) Record Officer, (g) Ram Members, (h) Halloween Party under new business; (a) truck update under old business. Dale Nicholson (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 September 13 (regular, September 24 (special budget), and September 25 (special budget meeting). All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

- Lowe’s Home Improvement (pre-paid) \$96.93
- National Grid (pre-paid) \$130.77
- Tyler Fire Equipment \$720.00
- Northern NY Newspapers \$45.59
- MX Fuels \$627.00
- Nicholville Telephone Co. \$66.70
- Susan Lyon \$30.00
- Champlain Communications \$59.04
- McNeil & Company \$8,780.75
- Frank Barney \$35.16
- Evans and White Ace Hardware \$16.47

It was indicated that the amount for Frank Barney was due to the roof metal/drip edge had to be special ordered. Mike Opal (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to approve payment. All in favor; motion carried.

The financial report was presented for the month of October. The beginning balance for the month was at \$49,037.48. Check #1298 to Stickney's Garage was voided as they never received. A new check was issued. Ending balance is at \$38,526. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the October financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

#### Privilege of Floor – none

Chief's Report – Chief Parker reported that the following still need an Interior Physical for SCBA usage: J. Hollenbeck, L. Lesperance and C. Pearl. [Jim Hollenbeck reported that Jake Hollenbeck will get his physical at the plant.] The following interior firefighters still need to be fit tested: L. Lesperance, J. Hollenbeck, D. Nicholson, P. Wagner and C. Pearl. The membership voted and approved the membership of David Perry. The RAM board has recommended the acceptance of Heather Nicholson as a RAM member. The membership voted and approved her as a RAM member. All equipment appears to be in good running order. E-61 and ETA-49 were exercised in both the monthly training and the barn fire in Lawrenceville. No mechanical issues were reported. The deadline for the narrow banding is October 15. The department appears to be in good shape. The current base station, mobiles and most portables have been programmed. The remaining portables, pagers and radios will be finalized after the deadline. Calls for the month included: power lines down at 705 Converse Road on 9/8 with 8 members; power lines down on State Highway 458 on 9/8 with 6 members; and assisted Tri-Town Rescue with a call on State Highway 72 on 9/29 with 3 members. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve the Chief's Report. All in favor; motion carried.

#### New Business

- Fire Prevention Week is next week. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion for approval for a truck to be taken on Tuesday, October 16 to Parishville-Hopkinton School. All in favor; motion carried.
- The oil light is on in E-41. This needs to be taken to either Massena or Malone since Parkway Ford in Potsdam has moved. Contact should be made prior to taking the truck to make sure they will bill the district.
- The roof appeared to be leaking during the heavy downpour. Material was picked up at Lowe's which should take care of this.
- The NYS Association of Chief's is holding a seminar on October 17 at SUNY Canton with a \$25/person charge. As this relates to training, it is not a district responsibility.
- Discussion was held on re-keying the building. Gerald Goldsworth (Mike Opal) made a motion to purchase a new lockset but keep the same keys. All in favor; motion carried. Dale Nicholson will pick up the new lockset at Triple A.
- At a recent meeting attended by the secretary, it was discovered that an appointment for a records officer needs to be made. This is to handle any foil requests. Jim Hollenbeck (mike Opal) made a motion to appoint Sue Wood as Records Officer. All in favor; motion carried.

- Gerald Goldsworth is concerned with RAM members and would like them to return to their own departments. A question was raised as to is there is an issue with the current members and if not, why we would want to discourage members. It was reported that there are specific guidelines for RAMS. Also, when the RAM goes to regular membership, there are perimeters in the department by-laws. No action was taken.
- Mike Opal (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve the use of the fire station for a Halloween party if requested. All in favor; motion carried.
- A letter has not been received from Duane Fire Department regarding David Perry. The fire department membership voted to approve him as a new member. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept him as a new member. All in favor; motion carried.
- Jim Hollenbeck (Mike Opal) made a motion to accept Heather Nicholson as a RAM member. With Dale Nicholson abstaining, motion was carried.

### Old Business

Frank Barney gave an update on the truck purchase. Northern Fire was contacted regarding a used truck that has been located. However, specifications as to the height, length, compartments, etc. have not been received. The price would be around \$80-\$85,000 if take it with the 1000 gallon tank; if a 1500-1800 gallon tank is installed, the price could go to \$108,000. The truck only has 3,500 miles and is ten (10) years old. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the truck.

Reminder that the public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station. A special meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18 to adopt the budget.

Dale Nicholson (Mike Opal) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary