

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023 1700 pm

Meeting called to order by Chair John Klanchesser at 1700hrs.

Present: BOFE John Klanchesser, BOFE Ann Hebert, BOFE Jim Fabrizio Chief Hoyt, Assistant Chief Moynihan, Laurie Mu

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Engineer Hebert made a motion to accept minutes from January 4, 2023 meeting. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes. Fabrizio –Yes.

Chiefs Report: Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to accept Chief’s report for January 2023. Engineer Fabrizio seconded, motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes. Fabrizio-Yes.

2022 budget- Balance remaining \$67,823.52

2023 YTD Salary& OT savings = \$14,736.80

2023 ambulance revenue is over \$9000 for January.

Board unanimously agreed to leave annual radio box fee at \$350.00.

Old Business:

Tower 3 – Aerial ladder inspection scheduled to evaluate ladder after no fault accident. UL unavailable so BullDog to do inspection.

New Engine: No updates.

Staffing Shortage– January - Full time personnel covered third position shifts 5 times (16%) The 4th position went vacant 16 times in 30 days (52%).

Staffing Updates- PT Firefighter out with injury (not sustained here), having to fill shifts.

Temporary Alternate Duty (TAD) Policy- It was brought to the department’s attention that the fire department currently does not have a TAD Policy in place for fire department employees injured at work. Assistant Chief Moynihan will author policy for Board and Union to review.

PT hiring update – Received 2 new applications, neither met minimum requirements, however, we are maintaining contact while they obtain needed state documentation.

Upcoming Meetings: Budget Committee public hearing review February 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

New Business:

Station items- One of the department’s refrigerators is having freezer issues. Refrigerator is 14 years old. Engineer Hebert made a motion to purchase new refrigerator (not Samsung) of similar size and style from local vendor, not to exceed \$1400. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes. Fabrizio-Yes.

Stop the Bleed Program – Assistant Chief Moynihan asked permission to purchase “Stop the Bleed” educational training materials for the department. A/C Moynihan plans to piece together material to keep program cost under \$500.

Engineer Hebert made motion to purchase Stop the Bleed materials. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes. Fabrizio –Yes.

Grants-TC Energy grant applied for purchase of Side by Side gator \$18,900 fire department, lighting package \$4,304 police department. No match necessary. Grant to purchase Skid unit being sought from affiliated company.

Federal/DOJ grant; Application ready to submit. Total of \$170,000 request to benefit police and fire department communication upgrade.

Safer Grant Fiscal Year 2022- not open yet.

FEMA Storm reimbursement data – Data was collected from department responses to storm emergencies.

Approval to meet with BOS, suggested by MRI study- Chief Hoyt sought and received approval from Board to give department updates directly and in person to the Board of Selectman (BOS) at Chief Hoyt's discretion (either bi-monthly or quarterly).

Purchase Orders & Payroll: Signed.

Good to The Order: REMINDER Department Holiday/Awards Party - February 7, 2023 at Stoneface.

Newington Firefighters Association received \$950 in donations in memory of Barbara Pickering.

The Board Voted to adjourn at 1810 Motion by Chairman Klanchesser. Second by Engineer Fabrizio. 3-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes. Fabrizio-Yes.