

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

Meeting called to order by Chair John Klanchesser at 1715hrs.

Present: BOFE John Klanchesser, BOFE Ann Hebert, Assistant Chief Moynihan

Absent: BOFE Jim Fabrizio, Chief Hoyt, Department Secretary Laurie Mu

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Engineer Hebert made a motion to accept minutes from February 1, 2023 meeting. Chairman Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes.

Chiefs Report: Engineer Hebert made a motion to accept Chief's report for February 2023. Chairman Klanchesser seconded, motion carried 2-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes
2023 YTD Salary& OT savings +/--\$26,000

Old Business:

Tower 3 – Aerial ladder inspection completed. Tower 3 is in service. AC Moynihan described future maintenance anticipated including heat sensor replacement and rear tires.

New Engine: Vendor says we will have truck in hand September 29th. Also, may be completed early. Manufacturer is currently running 4-8 weeks ahead of schedule.

Car 2 – AC Moynihan informed the board of the need to outfit the new command truck in 2 phases. Slide for truck bed is 10-12 weeks out. The rest of the equipment to include cap and radios needed to outfit truck should arrive by month end.

Apparatus Bay – rearranged to accommodate SCBA compressor.

Staffing Shortage– February - Full time personnel covered third position shifts 10 times (32%) The 4th position went vacant 14 times in 28 days. Full-timers covered 4th position 2 times for storm coverage.

Staffing UpdatesPT Firefighter still out with injury (not sustained here), having to fill shifts.

PT hiring update – Received 2 new applications, neither met minimum requirements.

Upcoming Meetings: Town Meeting, Saturday March 18, 2023 at 1000.

New Business:

Station items- Refrigerator voted on at February meeting was purchased from a local vendor and installed.

Stop the Bleed Program – Assistant Chief Moynihan purchased “Stop the Bleed” educational training materials for the department authorized at February meeting and conducted a training for the Newington Police Department.

Grants-The application for TC Energy grant for purchase of Side by Side gator \$18,900 fire department, lighting package \$4,304 police department is still pending.

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

Safer Grant Fiscal Year 2022- deadline March 17, 2023. Department won't know of results until January 2024.

Newington FD application for \$1mil+ in grant money includes sick leave, anticipated OT, benefits.

Sam.gov account updated so the fire department has full administration of account . Chief Hoyt primary. Assistant Chief Moynihan secondary.

Met with BOS- Chief Hoyt met with the Board of Selectmen to give department updates as discussed/approved by BOFE at the February meeting.

Purchase Orders & Payroll: Signed.

Good to The Order: Department Holiday/Awards Party - February 7, 2023 at Stoneface was a well attended event for both departments. Stoneface did an excellent job with food and service.

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