

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chairman Klanchesser at 1730 hrs.

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 October meeting. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes. Fabrizio – Yes.

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

Old Business:

Staffing

Staffing shortage: In October, full-time staff covered 13 part–time 3rd person shifts. The fourth position on shift went unfilled 22 times in October.

Projected staffing for November has full-time staff covering part–time 3rd person shifts for 9 shifts, and the 4th position will be vacant 15 times. Full time needed for coverage for 4th position for 2 holidays.

Apparatus Update

Engine 2 – passed inspection. Rear brakes were replaced. Has a few issues that are being watched and will be fixed when new engine is in service.

Aerial Inspection – Aerial inspection performed. Many moderate but not major repairs need to be made. Tower 3 remains in service. Shop time for repairs has been scheduled.

Car 2 – Body rot has gotten worse. Transmission slipping has gotten worse. State bid list for vehicles has not been released as of 11/2/22.

Marine 1 – New headset installed by NEVO. Used on boat call 11/2/22. Significant improvement noted in radio transmissions and communications with Marine 1. Boat will be pulled out of water for fall cleaning and maintenance and returned to winter boat slip at Riverside Pickering Marine.

Grants

2022 Safer Grant – Next round to open January 2023.

2021 AFG – SCBA compressor has been ordered and will take approximately 12 week to arrive. Installation and electrical outfitting is built into grant costs.

Station Items:

New building Inspector Jeremy Boston walked FD facility with A/C Moynihan. Both agreed plan for building needs to be made before any large amounts of money are spent.

Vendor came to look at apparatus bay heater. Building Inspector Boston to follow up.

Electrical for gear dryer to be run shortly, working on getting duct work.

Primex walk thru conducted of FD station on 10/18. No reports received as of 11/2/22.

New Business:

Budget 2023 Operations portion of budget is complete, personnel side pending COLA and health care numbers.

Department notified today (11/2) of offer from Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare. Meeting to be scheduled by town hall with all departments and union to review plan.

Budget committee meeting with BOFE is December 14th at 6:35 pm.

Warrant Articles – reviewed and discussed, vote not taken.

Purchase Orders and Payroll Manifests – reviewed and signed.

Kitchen table and chairs – Board approved purchase of new kitchen table and chairs.

Chief's Comments: Budget looks good so far. Salary and OT savings YTD (year to date) at \$152,979; OT -\$18,866. Part time OT \$15,660. YTD (year to date). Fire Department fee revenue approximately \$107,610. Ambulance revenue \$72,424, Permit/Fees: \$33,590, Details: \$1596.00

Old emergency phone number – Post cards mailed, soft cancel was done, line was shut down as of 11/1/22.

Ice/fall protection – Each member has received anti-slip device for boots.

Good to The Order:

Upcoming events

Set Up for Elections 11/4

Fire Safety Trailer at Newington Public School 11/04

Department Standby at Old Stone School 11/10

SCBA flow testing 11/10

Newington Fire Fighters Association meeting 11/08

The Board Voted to adjourn at 1925 Motion by Chairman Klanchesser. Second by Engineer Fabrizio. 3-0. Roll call vote. Hebert- Yes. Klanchesser-Yes. Fabrizio – Yes.