

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024 1630hrs

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 1630hrs by Chairman John Klanchesser.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman John Klanchesser, Engineer Ann Hebert, Engineer Jim Fabrizio, Chief E.J. Hoyt and Assistant Chief Patrick Moynihan. Lulu Pickering attended meeting at 1710.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MINUTES:

Engineer Fabrizio made a motion to accept minutes from October 2, 2024 meeting. Engineer Hebert seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Fabrizio -Yes. Hebert - Yes. Klanchesser -Yes.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to accept Chief's Report for October. Engineer Hebert seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Klanchesser -Yes. Hebert - Yes. Fabrizio -Yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Apparatus:

- Vehicle Inspections are complete.
- Utility 1 – Repairs are complete.
- Command 2 – Airbags are complete.
- Engine 2 – Is currently in MA to get head gasket replaced and a few other items repaired.
- UTV – New tires have been ordered.

2024 Budget:

- 2024 YTD Salary & OT: \$215,507.49; Overtime (\$88,776.90); Total (\$126,730.59).
- 2024 Part-time OT YTD \$1,891.01
- 2024 Revenue YTD = \$212,882.95

Grants:

- Federal DOJ:
 - Equipment is still arriving at 2-Way and invoices are being processed.
 - Work is scheduled to begin the 2nd week of December.
 - An 8-month extension on the grant has been requested.

Staffing:

- October:
 - FT needed 3.5 times to cover the 3rd position shift.
- November:
 - FT will be needed 6 times to cover the 3rd position.
- Currently reviewing one new application.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Station Study:
 - Bob Champaign is no longer an option and has been notified by the Town Hall.
- Budget:
 - Warrant Articles – Engineer Hebert made a motion to bring forward Warrant Articles A, B and C, being \$250,000 for the replacement of vehicles operated by the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, \$50,000 for the SCBA Capital Reserve Fund and \$2,000 for the Replacement of Major Fire Department Equipment Fund. Said Warrant Articles to be voted on at Board Meeting 2025. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Hebert – Yes. Fabrizio – Yes. Klanchesser – Yes.
 - COLA rate approved for Newington Employees and BOFE reviewed Budget details.
 - Extensive conversation had about Health Care Benefits.
 - Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to present the 2025 Budget at \$2,594,793.00. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Klanchesser – Yes. Fabrizio – Yes. Hebert – Yes.
- Misc:
 - Newington Historical Society Bonfire at Old Parsonage was requested by Lulu Pickering. Pickering arrived at the meeting 1712 and extensive conversation was had.
 - Engineer Hebert made a motion that the BOFE respectfully declines sponsoring the Newington Historical Society Bonfire due to the Department's participation in a long-standing prior commitment and budgetary considerations. Municipal Fire Department funds cannot be deployed to a private organization event. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Hebert – Yes. Fabrizio – Yes. Klanchesser – Yes.
 - IT Computer Capital – Budget has been requested for FD Computer needs.

PAYROLL:

Signed.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Signed.

GOOD TO THE ORDER:

- Annual Santa Ride will be held Friday, December 20th.
 - Trailer was donated to the Association by the Marina for the Sleigh and Reindeer display.

The Board Voted to adjourn at 1748; Motion by Chairman Klanchesser. Second by Engineer Hebert. Third by Engineer Fabrizio. 3-0.