

Newington Fire Department  
Board of Fire Engineers  
February 4, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was called to order at 1309 hrs. by Chairman Darin Sabine. Engineer Ruth Fletcher and Engineer John Klanchesser were in attendance. The department was represented by Chief Andrew Head and Assistant Chief LeDuc.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Prior Month's Minutes:** Engineer Klanchesser made a motion to approve January 7, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Engineer Ruth Fletcher seconded. Motion carried. 3-0

**Chief's Report:** Engineer Klanchesser made a motion to approve Chief Head's report as written for January. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Motion carried. 3-0

**Old Business:** Warrant Articles - Chief Head updated the board on the status of three warrant articles that were presented at a recent Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting:

The 1<sup>st</sup> article; To appropriate \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) for the Replacement/Repair of Department Vehicles was reduced to \$25,000 (twenty five thousand dollars) by vote of the BOS.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> article; To appropriate \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment was reduced to \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) by vote of the BOS.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> article; To establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Communication Equipment, with an opening appropriation of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) was reduced to \$10,000 by vote of the BOS.

Defibrillator - Purchase and Lease options will be revisited at the end of 2015.

Comcast Phone and Internet – Chief Head informed the board that Comcast has installed phone and internet service as of 02/04/15.

New Server – Our IT professional is programming the new server. There has been some delay with software issues.

Plymovent- Chief Head informed the board that the Plymovent modification for the new ambulance has been completed.

Bay doors- Minor repairs have been completed.

**New Business:** Ambulance Rates – The board reviewed current ambulance rates for the department. The board tabled the decision pending more information. Assistant Chief LeDuc has been asked to research similar fees charged by departments on the Seacoast.

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Fee Schedules – Chief Head suggested that the Board review the fee schedule for the department as it has not been modified in several years. Assistant Chief LeDuc has been asked to research similar fees charged by departments on the Seacoast.

Fire Hydrants – The town has 3 hydrants out of service on Shattuck Way. Chief Head said that repairs were ongoing.

Call Firefighters- Chief Head asked permission to create an employment posting for call firefighter positions. Chief Head informed the board that FF Morin will be leaving the department to join North Hampton Fire Department as a full-time firefighter/ Paramedic.

**Purchase Orders**- Purchase orders reviewed and signed.

**Chief Comments**: Chief Head said the department did a great job during the recent storms. Chief Head expressed gratitude to the residents that have help keep fire hydrants clear and available for use.

**Good to the Order**: No comments.

**Executive session**: Chairman Sabine made a motion at 1350 hours to enter into Executive Session under RSA 91-A3 II (A) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected. Engineer Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Sabine made a motion to conclude the Executive Session at 1420hrs. Chairman Sabine Engineer Klanchesser seconded. No decisions made.

Engineer Fletcher made a motion to seal minutes to Executive Session indefinitely. Engineer Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn by Engineer Klanchesser. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 14:23 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie F Mu