

Newington Fire & Rescue Department
Board of Fire Engineers
Monthly Meeting: January 7, 2015
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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was called to order at 1302 hrs. by Chairman Darin Sabine . Engineer Ruth Fletcher and Engineer John Klanchesser were in attendance. The department was represented by Chief Andrew Head.

Public Comment: None.

Prior Month's Minutes: Engineer Klanchesser made a motion to approve December 3, 2014 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 December. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Motion carried. 3-0

Old Business:

Budget 2014: The Board reviewed a copy of budget prepared by town hall on 01/02/15. Chief Head verbally informed the board of other expenditures not included in the copy.

Budget 2015 – Warrant Articles : Chief Head presented the board with three warrant articles that he prepared. The 1st article is to appropriate \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) for the Replacement/Repair of Department Vehicles. The 2nd article is to appropriate \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment. The 3rd article is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Communication Equipment, with an opening appropriation of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars). The board reviewed and discussed all three articles. Engineer Klanchesser made a motion to approve the Articles for submission to town hall as written. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

Defibrillator _ The LifePak 12 defibrillator that the department currently has will no longer be serviced as of 2016. The board instructed Chief Head to research lease versus purchase options for a LifePak 15 defibrillator.

Comcast Phone and Internet – Chief Head provided the board with a brief overview about switching the department's phone and internet service providers. Chief Head said that not only will the department get faster internet service but it is projected to save the department over \$500 a year when compared to the two current providers. Chief Head said the numbers were not final but he doesn't expect them to change much. Engineer Fletcher made a motion to authorize Chief Head to contract with Comcast, as long as it saves the department money. Engineer Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

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Plymovent- Chief Head informed the board that the Plymovent for the new ambulance will have to be moved to accommodate the exhaust being located on the right side of the vehicle. Previous ambulance had the exhaust on the left side of the vehicle. Cost of the modification is estimated at \$900 (nine hundred dollars). Board unanimously approved the necessary modification.

Chief Comments:

Chief Head said that he is pleased with the excellent job that the department is doing.

Good to the Order: No comments.

Executive session: Chairman Sabine made a motion at 1348 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 1415hrs. Chairman Sabine Engineer Klanchesser seconded. No decisions made.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 14:16 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie F Mu