

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2019 at 1800 hours

Meeting called to order by Chair John Klanchesser at 1803

Present: Chairman John Klanchesser, Engineer Ann Hebert, and Engineer Jim Fabrizio. Chief EJ Hoyt and Laurie Mu

Public Comment: Santa Ride and department Pot Luck Dinner is Friday, December 13th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Toy Drive @ Walmart scheduled Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes: Engineer Hebert made a motion to accept meeting minutes from November 6, 2019 as written. Chairman Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chiefs Report: Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to accept Chief's Report for November. Engineer Hebert, seconded. Motion Carried 3-0

Old Business:

Comstar Ambulance Billing write-offs – Board unanimously agreed to write-off \$263,984.43 (two hundred sixty three thousand nine hundred eighty four dollars and 43/100cents) in outstanding ambulance fees as uncollectable revenue.

Apparatus Update – E2 is back. Tower 3 is still awaiting warrantied repairs. The repairs are not immediately needed and the repairs are not a safety issue.

Station plans – TMS architects has recommended modifications to the station that will cost approximately \$140,000 (one hundred forty thousand dollars).

Station -Chief Hoyt informed the board that the attic ceiling is caving in on the living quarters side of building. To alleviate some of the burden, approximately 70 boxes of department administration files were removed from the area. The situation was brought to Building Inspector Kevin Kelley's attention for safety concerns and possible asbestos within the area.

New Business:

Keltron Updates – Mammoth Fire is installing a cellular backup for the Keltron by end of December. It will transmit emergency calls directly to department cell phones within 30 seconds.

Chief's Comments: Chief Hoyt acknowledged the hard work that the department has been doing while staffing has been maintained at 3 per shift.

Non-Public Session: Engineer Hebert made a motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee at 1842. Chairman Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote. Klanchesser – yes, Hebert- yes, Fabrizio - yes.

No Decision made.

Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to exit non-public session at 1927. Engineer Hebert seconded. 3-0. Roll call vote. Klanchesser –yes, Hebert – yes, Fabrizio - yes.

Board instructed Chief Hoyt to post within the department the vacant Assistant Chief position effective December 9th, 2019. Posting to end December 30, 2019. Job posting to include list of minimum qualifications to be met for position.

Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to seal minutes indefinitely. Engineer Hebert seconded. 3-0. Roll call vote. Klanchesser –yes, Hebert – yes, Fabrizio - yes.

Good of the Order: None.

The Board voted to adjourn at 1930. Motion by Engineer Hebert, Seconded by Chairman Klanchesser Motion carries 3-0.