Town of Newington, NH

Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2019 at 1800 hours

Meeting called to order by Chair Jim Fabrizio at 1800

Present: Engineer John Klanchesser, Chairman Jim Fabrizio, Engineer Ann Hebert, Chief Sabine via video link, A/C EJ Hoyt and Laurie Mu

Public Comment: No public present

Meeting Minutes: Engineer Klanchesser made a motion to accept meeting minutes from June 5, 2019 as written. Engineer Hebert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chiefs Report: Engineer Klanchesser made a motion to accept, Chairman Fabrizio seconded. Motion Carried 3-0

Old Business:

Update on Engine 2 – Engine 2 is being sent out for pump rebuild on Monday 7/15/19.

Command Car 2 – FF Connors repaired A/C Hoyt's command vehicle air conditioning.

Culverts- A/C Hoyt brought to the board's attention that the department has not heard anything further from the town about assisting in cleaning out debris from culverts.

A/C Hoyt informed the board that the department has not heard anything further from the town regarding the community project that was proposed by the town to Union Local 4104 that involves Union members volunteering their time to build a bridge to ball field.

New Business:

Sea 3 detail- Sea 3 purchased $43,000 in hose and equipment for the fire department to cover an 11 day fire watch detail/provide water supply to Sea 3 during the water main replacement. Sea 3 also covered the personnel cost of the detail.

Hose testing- The department contracted with a third party to conduct hose testing. Thirteen (13) sections of existing hose failed. There are a few pieces of hose that may be able to be modified into "short shot" hoses. Engineer Hebert made a motion to cut the couplings off the failed hoses that cannot be modified and dispose of the hoses. Engineer Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hiring- A/C Hoyt informed the board that oral boards for the Part-time Firefighters are scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2019. The oral boards for the Lieutenant posting have yet to be scheduled.

Vehicle status – Tower is in service. Engine 2 is OOS (out of service) for repairs to the pump. E2 will be gone approximately 3 weeks. Engine 5 moves to a primary piece and will be supplemented with equipment from Engine 2.

Ambulance billing - A/C Hoyt brought to the boards attention the ambulance accounts receivable balances and discussed with the board past practices of writing off debts as uncollectable. A/C Hoyt will consult town financial officer about outstanding balance, the end of Comstar collecting for the department and proposed changes from new ambulance billing company. A/C Hoyt presented the board with two (2) hardship applications. Engineer Hebert made a motion to approve the two (2) hardship applications and write-off the balances owed as uncollectable for hardship. Engineer Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed Purchase Orders.

P.O. for Portsmouth Chevy was to fix a fuel leak problem that previously was worked on by Auto Tech.

P.O. for State Fireman's Association invoice was postponed until August meeting.

Chiefs Comments:

Chief Sabine discussed radio and electronics options for Marine 1. No decisions made.

A/C Hoyt commended the staff for the extra work performed packing hose and switching vehicles.

Good of the Order: None

Non-Public Session: Chairman Fabrizio made a motion to enter non-public session under NH RSA 91 A - 3: (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation at 1640. Engineer Hebert seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote. Fabrizio- yes, Klanchesser – yes, Hebert- yes.

No decisions made.

Engineer Klanchesser made a motion to exit non-public session at 2002. Chairman Fabrizio seconded. 3-0. Roll call vote. Fabrizio –yes, Klanchesser –yes, Hebert - yes.

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

The Board voted to adjourn at 2003. Motion by Engineer Hebert , Seconded by Engineer Klanchesser Motion carries 3-0.