

Newington Fire & Rescue Department

Board of Fire Engineers

Monthly Meeting: November 7, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was called to order at 1200 hrs by Chairman Jim Fabrizio. Engineer Jack O'Reilly was in attendance. The department was represented by Assistant Chief Hoyt and Deputy Chief Sabine.

Public Comment: None

Prior Month's Minutes: Engineer O'Reilly made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 10, 2018. Chairman Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Chief's Monthly Report: Engineer O'Reilly made a motion to accept the Chief's report as written for October. Chairman Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried. 2-0

Old Business:

Budget 2019 –

Warrant Articles –Deputy Chief Sabine advised the board that the warrant article for the ambulance replacement should be written for \$85,000 to be on track with replacement timeframe. Deputy Chief Sabine informed the board of a cost savings of approximately \$7,000 of interest by paying off Engine 2 early using the fire department vehicle capital reserve and then asking for a warrant for \$100,000 to build up the fund again.

Deputy Chief Sabine also enquired about a possible warrant article versus a capital outlay for \$50,000 worth of necessary upgrades to maintain the PSNH tower radio equipment. The equipment is not digital and does not have a battery back up. Deputy Chief Sabine will consult OEM Co-Director Bilodeau.

Defibrillator/Stretcher – Deputy Chief Sabine is looking into pricing for replacements for two defibrillators and power stretcher – possibly funding as a warrant article.

Deputy Sabine is also preparing a warrant article for part time paramedic coverage.

Ladder Truck- Deputy Chief Sabine informed the board that Newington has a mutual aid agreement for Dover to automatically respond to Newington with a ladder until the department has a loaner truck or the new platform tower.

Mutual Aid Agreements – New mutual aid agreements are in place with Greenland and Durham. Greenland will be automatic with an Engine to addresses in South Newington for water flow. Durham will be automatic mutual aid for pond and water rescue calls in Newington.

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New Business:

Deputy Chief Sabine informed the board that due to budget constraints, department manning will be limited to 3 people per shift.

New addition to station: Board was informed of preliminary plans to add a 33x33 addition to the station for cleaning gear and gear storage. The proposal also includes the relocation of the department kitchen to the new addition. The board was made aware of a collapsing pipe on the administration side that will need to be replaced to resolve a current plumbing issues. If kitchen is moved than pipe replacement and foundation would not have to be done. The former kitchen space will be used as a conference/training room.

Chief's Comments: The board gave permission for Deputy Chief Sabine to purchase food for the duty crews that are scheduled to work on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Chief Andy Head's retirement luncheon is scheduled for November 29, 2018 12-2.

Purchase Orders: Signed.

Good of the Order: None

Non- Public Session: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 1240 by Chairman Fabrizio. Seconded by Engineer O'Reilly.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Mu