

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2020 at 1730 hrs

Meeting called to order by Chair John Klanchesser at 1730 hrs.

Present: BOFE John Klanchesser, BOFE Ann Hebert, BOFE Jim Fabrizio, Chief Hoyt, Assistant Chief Moynihan (minutes), Laurie Mu

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Engineer Fabrizio made a motion to accept minutes from August 5, 2020 meeting as written. Engineer Hebert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Engineer Hebert made a motion to accept non public minutes from August 5, 2020 meeting as written. Engineer Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chiefs Report: Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to accept Chief's report for July as written. Engineer Hebert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Payroll Review: Board reviewed and approved department payroll for August.

Old Business:

Budget- The fire department budget is at 46.50% as of 8/27/2020. Significant savings in payroll.

Staffing- Firefighter Reno has accepted a position with the Dover Fire Department. Her last shift will be September 6, 2020. Firefighter Dave Corcoran will replace Reno and will start orientation on September 17, 2020.

Part-time personnel earning overtime due to staffing issues.

Part-Time Hiring Process – Department received 16 applications -12 certified, 4 not certified. Goal is 2-3 through interview/hiring process.

Revenue - \$97184 YTD for ambulance and permit deposited.

Station maintenance/construction updates: New addition construction to begin mid-September. Board unanimously agreed that Fire Protection Engineer must signoff on plans before construction can begin, which is the same standard that all other businesses are required to meet for new construction/remodels.

Gear room to be dedicated in memory of Darin Sabine.

Physical Training (PT) - Lieutenant McCooey to spearhead plans for PT room. Warrant article for room modifications mentioned as a possibility.

Asbestos – Estimated cost of removal from floor (admin. side only) for \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars) and getting tiling costs is approximately \$22,000 (twenty two thousand).

PS Tracks –Firehouse software – Scheduled to be implemented October 1, 2020.

Tower 3 – Tower 3 is still getting repairs done.

Hydro Testing has been completed.

Town Personnel Manual – Discussed Letter from Selectmen in response to BOFE letter from August opposing proposed changes to policy. Tabled for further discussion.

Apparatus Replacement – Chief Hoyt will submit information for BOFE to review for the purchase of new engine – financing options, price and time to build and need recommendations at future BOFE meeting.

New Business:

Run Cards – Changes to run cards discussed. Lebanon Maine as mutual aid discussed. Additionally, Marine 1 added to Run Cards replacing Boat 1.

Uniform- Discussed department issued reusable masks as part of personnel uniform. Board unanimously approved department issued reusable masks.

Ring Door Bell Public Safety App – Discussed possibility of work with RING to use their public safety software. Discussion was tabled.

Payroll Tax Deferment – As of meeting, uncertain whether Newington will participate in payroll tax deferment. Effects part-time employees only.

Budget 2021 – Chief Hoyt has already started collecting numbers for the 2021 Budget.

The Board signed purchase orders.

Chief's Comments: Chief Hoyt and the BOFE would like to acknowledge resident Joe Armitich for the donation of a vehicle for the department to use for rescue training with the JAWS/AMKUS tools. A thank you letter will be sent.

Good to The Order: None.

Non- Public Session: None

The Board Voted to adjourn at 1950 Motion by Engineer Fabrizio. Second by Chairman Klanchesser. 3-0.