

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
October 7, 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 (absent), Chief Hoyt, Assistant Chief Moynihan (at MVA – joined meeting in progress)

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Engineer Hebert made a motion to accept minutes from September 2, 2020 meeting as written. Chairman Klanchesser seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Chiefs Report: Chairman Klanchesser made a motion to accept Chief's report for September as written. Engineer Hebert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

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

Old Business:

Payroll – Fully staffed. Chief Hoyt informed the board that department is still saving money every payroll, 6 payrolls remaining.

Budget Review – Budget is 38% remaining. Typically should be at 25% at this point. Chief Hoyt reviewed overages to budget lines. Revenues - \$110,241 as of October 6.

Budget 2021- Chief Hoyt said retirement increase for 2021 is only real number provided for budget preparation.

Ladder on Tower –

Vehicle Inspections -Car 1 – Failed inspection for lower ball joint- getting fixed. Engine 2 needs brakes.

Station Renovation – Hole dug, footings poured. There is a load bearing wall where a previous. FD requesting copy of plans from architect. Department is relying heavily on building inspector to remedy issues as they go.

Staffing – PT oral boards. Top three candidates invited back for skills review. Part time staffing remains an issue. Our part timers are have been getting consistent OT because more hours than people available, especially when someone is unavailable.

IT- PS Trax and EOS getting ready to go live next month. Final stages of modifications. Staff training to be held prior to switch. New training program software will track alongside within EOS software to send state

Roof- Building Inspector Kelley reviewing recent repairs and planning future options.

Amkus Tools – Chief Hoyt and Assistant Chief Moynihan asked the board for permission to purchase battery operated Amkus tool to complete battery operated set. A/C Moynihan will have figures for next meeting with regards to possible trade in of older gas model tools.

New Business:

Run Cards – Chief Hoyt to request 1st alarm assignment instead of automatic to Lebanon Maine as mutual aid discussed.

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

Budget 2021 – Chief Hoyt has already started collecting numbers for the 2021 Budget. Health care increase 6.4%, increase to retirement from 30.09 to 32.99% effective July 1, 2021. Cola has not been finalized but is predicted at 1.50%. The Board signed purchase orders.

Chief's Comments: Chief Hoyt led discussion about employee vacation buyout. Both board members in favor of cost saving measure. Chief Hoyt authorized to present idea to Board of Selectmen.

Compensation for C1/C2: Brief discussion held about contracted benefits – holiday pay and unused vacation time.

Discussion tabled until November meeting.

Good to The Order: None.

Non- Public Session: None

The Board Voted to adjourn at 1845 Motion by Chairman Klanchesser . Second by Engineer Hebert. 2-0.