

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING
5/15/18 @ 4:00PM

Present: Chief Alex Schaeffer, Ambulance Coordinator Brenden Cooney, Retired Chief Peter Shemeth, Retired Captain Richard Kelly, FF/EMS Rep Trevor Scanlon and Administrative Assistant Anita Billings.

Meeting called to order at 4:07pm

Reviewed and approved the Minutes from the April meeting.

Reviewed and approved budget balances. There was a brief discussion about remaining balances and known expenses through the end of the fiscal year.

Old Business:

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- Bay doors have been repainted. The Chief had reached out to Capt. Maciel first since he had worked on them before, but he was too busy right now. Had inmates (jail work release program) work on sanding for free labor and the staff painted them. Captain Kelly said 1 door on the museum needs work done. The Chief will see if inmates can do that as well.
- Police Chief McNamee wanted parking lots as illuminated as possible. He got bulbs from Stuart, and our staff put them in. Rob Young is supposed to look at the light posts that aren't working. The Chief went to see beautification committee about using funds to repaint the light posts. Committee said if we had a parts list for lanterns they could help with that as well.
- Furnace is still on list for Fortes.
- Chappy water system – Anita called Nick Thorne at Island Water Systems. It doesn't appear that they actually did anything, but they were going to prepare a proposal for us.
- Generator is back in good working order.
- 221 screen has been replaced. Screen is no longer touch screen.
- E90 - water in fuel. The Chief reached out to the VTA to see if anyone else had issues but there weren't.
- 267 is gone. It was discovered that Hingham Boat Barn applied a bottom paint that was not appropriate for aluminum bottoms. This would not have been an issue if the barrier paint was put on appropriately by Edgartown Marine, but there is no record of how thick it was applied. They are going to sandblast bottom and apply an epoxy coating, and then put 20mm coating before painting.
- The Chief showed pictures of the new fire truck in build mode. We went with a different suspension manufacturer because there was going to be a 6 month delay with the existing company.
- Last month we voted to put \$5,000 towards pager power upgrades. Pager communication is getting worse. Anthony is working on upgrading transmission power.

Training:

- HazMat – class capped at 24 students. This isn't enough for how many want to take it. The Chief got a quote for \$5,400. He will reach out to Barnstable to see if they can do better. We could split cost 3 ways.

- June 10 – Live burn evolutions for red card to green cards.

EMS

- Job application time closed. Interviews will be tomorrow. Applicants are all existing staffers.
- Frailty list – They went and did a home visit and then went back the next day and installed a smoke detector. Brenden would like to do 1 or 2 more to identify the needs of the seniors.

New Business:

Evacuation drill at the Courthouse went well. They are in good order. The Library asked to do something similar. The Chief gave them the template. Lisa Sherman was apprehensive to put an evacuation plan in place, but the staff was pushing for it.

The Chief did a walk through at the Jail. They are no longer using Scott Packs, they use iEvac units. They did not have any documentation on training on them so the Chief asked for it. The State is coming down to do their walk through on Thursday and the Chief will stop by then as well. The staff are interested in doing joint drills with us.

The Chief is working with Water Dept & PD to get a generator up at water tower to be powered up during storms. Everyone is on board because we all benefit from it. Cost would be shared.

New Town Administrator position has been filled. James Hagerty was hired. He will be making the rounds to meet everyone.

A brief discussion was had about changing the date and time of meeting. A few people have not been able to make the meetings due to conflicts. It should be kept consistent. We don't want to get in the habit of changing meeting times, but is that something we want to entertain? What about a later time in the day? The Chief will inquire with those not at this meeting.

With no further new business, meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.