

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING
1/19/16 @ 4:00PM

Present: Chief Peter Shemeth, Lt. Kara Shemeth, Retired Capt. Dick Kelly, Retired Deputy Chief Larry Thomas, Capt. Geoff Freeman, Asst. Chief Andrew Kelly, Deputy Chief Alex Schaeffer and Anita Billings.

Meeting commenced at 4:05pm

Reviewed and approved minutes from December meeting
Reviewed budget balances

Old Business:

Budget:

- The Chief went over remaining budget and regular monthly expenses expected through the end of the fiscal year. He explained the warrant articles to hopefully put money back into our operating budget.
- We are going to have to put a freeze on spending right now.

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- New pickup truck is getting graphics put on. The Chief is going on Thursday to pick it up.
- The plow looks huge on it. We will definitely need some training with it.
- Chief's vehicle is still in the works
- Engine 2 – Replaced part, still not working. They are still working on getting info from Manufacturer.
- Engine 4 and Engine 1 are on hold until Engine 2 is squared away.

Personnel:

- The advertisement for Paramedic position has been posted. The deadline is 1/22. We have received 2 applications so far.

New Business:

Walk through at Library tonight, they are pretty close to being done.

Training:

- EMT Course - We have 10 people interested, 4 of which are in house firefighters. We typically pay \$4,000. We could potentially utilize the firefighter stipend pay line item.

Chief's vehicle:

- Asst. Chief Kelly asked for a clarification on use of vehicle.
- The Chief indicated that his contract stated he would be given a vehicle for use 24/7.
- If the Chief is away, another Chief can use it, but it is not for use by just anyone on the department.
- Asst. Chief Kelly recommended that the car not be lettered, like the Police Chief's vehicle.

Stipends:

- The Chiefs are trying to figure out the best way to pay out stipends
- There should be something extra for taking a training course. It benefits the department
- We should include the officers in the decision making process
- Deputy Chief Schaeffer indicated with have the money in our budget this year to make changes
- Should we pay for the classes? Or should we pay the firefighter to take the class?
- It would be a good idea to come up with a list of classes that the department would like to see members take because we cannot pay for every class available.

The Chief showed everyone the new patch. Retired Capt. Kelly asked if we had flags for uniforms. Puritan is going to be putting them on the new uniforms.

Asst. Chief Kelly asked about purchasing detectors. EFA bought a bunch. Can the department buy the rest? What is cost?

Meeting adjourned 5:15pm