

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

MONTHLY MEETING

4/26/16 @ 4:00PM

Present: Chief Peter Shemeth, Retired Capt. Dick Kelly, Capt. Geoff Freeman, Asst. Chief Andrew Kelly, Deputy Chief Alex Schaeffer, Retired Senior Capt. Charlie Smith, EMS Rep Trevor Scanlon and Anita Billings.

Meeting called to order at 4:01pm by Chief Shemeth

Reviewed and approved minutes from March meeting

Reviewed budget balances

Old Business:

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- 230 – The only things left to do are the back up camera and metal piece under tank. Looking into possible spring adjustments.
- E93 – The warrant article to replace was amended from an SUV to a Truck. Deputy Chief Schaeffer showed the members pictures of what the vehicle will look like and went over its options. Vehicle has been ordered with delivery date up to 16 weeks.
- Engine 2 – Had talked about making amendment on Town floor to purchase fire truck this year instead of ambulance, but legally that was not possible. The Chief discussed getting trade-in now for it, but it will be at least a year to design and build new truck. There is always the possibility that the Town will vote down the purchase of the truck next year. All members present were aware of that possibility, but agreed the best direction is to sell Engine 2 now and the money will go into the Town's general fund. We will make sure the Town's people understand that when we go for the money next year for a new fire truck, they know that we secured a chunk of the money already.
- Capt. Freeman asked what the responsibility of the loaner truck will be. Deputy Chief Schaeffer said we would be responsible for any maintenance while in our possession.
- 4/27 – IPS will be here for gear fitting

Chappy ramp – is back in service. There were no incidents !! Oak Bluffs was nice enough to loan us an ambulance while E90 went to Chappy. It would be a good idea to send a thank you letter to OBFD.

Training:

- Harbor View drill – smoked up cottage. It's always a learning experience. Also did a walk around of the grounds.
- Tanker shuttle drill – not clear what's happening yet.

New Business:

The Kelly House has had alarm issues. The Chief spoke with property manager about ongoing problems. He explained alarm response and how it taxes our system, as well as after 3 alarms in a year they can be charged if it continues. They have already exceeded that. If not rectified, they will be ticketed. They are working on a short term and long term plan.

Budget:

- Discussed a thermal imaging camera and washer & dryer for the station. These are possibilities as we near the end of the fiscal year. Rough quote for washer & dryer is \$15,900. This would clean 4

sets of gear at a time. Cameras average between \$4,000 and \$13,000 based on functionality and features. Deputy Chief Schaeffer feels that ideally we should have a camera on every engine.

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- New Ambulance – Deputy Chief Schaeffer, EMT Scanlon, Paramedic Cooney & Paramedic Klimek went up to Greenwood to see what they had to offer. They saw a couple different chassis' and several different box set ups. Narrowed it down to a truck chassis i.e. F550, new fluid suspension. They will be going off on Friday to look at Lifeline brand. All ambulance packages with truck chassis are diesel. Deputy Chief Schaeffer showed members several examples of ambulance designs.
- Floor drains – we don't know where they drain to. Deputy Chief Schaeffer asked if anyone knew anything about that as we are discussing getting a washer & dryer.
- Engine 4 – we have been putting off work on it because of Engine 2. It really needs to go off and be serviced. It was agreed by all members present that Engine 4 needs to be addressed before other expenditures. Deputy Chief Schaeffer feels we should get Engine 4 to 100% before we send Engine 2 away. He will speak with Bulldog.

Personnel:

- Class A uniforms – most uniforms have had the new patches swapped out. They look really nice on.
- Physicals are scheduled for May 6 & 7 – signups are out on the board.

Motion to adjourn 5:05pm