

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

MONTHLY MEETING

7/19/16 @ 4:00PM

Present: Chief Peter Shemeth, Retired Capt. Dick Kelly, Retired Senior Captain Charlie Smith, Asst. Chief Andrew Kelly, Deputy Chief Alex Schaeffer, EMS Rep Trevor Scanlon, Retired Asst. Chief Scott Ellis and Anita Billings. Paramedic Mike Klimek was also present.

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Chief Shemeth

Reviewed and approved minutes from the June meeting
Reviewed budget balances

Old Business:

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- Engine 4 is back. Deputy Chief Schaeffer went over all of the repairs made. It is fully operational now. The butterfly valve was easy to repair so discharge is all set.
- New E90 – Deputy Chief Schaeffer is going back and forth with Greenwood and Specialty Vehicles. Bids were only \$200 different, but Greenwood came back with \$16,000 trade in which is unheard of. They are both sending us drawings. Height is an issue so we need to make sure it works.
- New 93 – Deputy Chief Schaeffer went to see it. It's not painted yet. He reviewed lighting and a few other things with them while there. Deputy Chief Schaeffer showed the members some graphic examples.
- Bay doors have been painted again.
- We received the new meters and cameras. They are really nice and easy to use.
- New gear came in. It was distributed last night.

Letter to Selectmen for dive bus was approved, and the Chief is signing title over to OB. Asst. Chief Kelly said that equipment on it needs to be addressed.

Letter to Selectmen about revisiting group 4 retirement was approved.

July 4th payroll has been paid. At \$50.00 an hour we went over our budget allowance, but it's worth it.

Retirement Party was well received. It was nice to see so many of our past members. A great time had by all !!

New Business:

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- Radios – Deputy Chief Schaeffer attended a meeting with Interoperability rep from the State. The whole Island system is based off of a business system. The business technology is not compatible with a public safety system. OB had already purchased radios that are compatible with both systems unbeknownst to them. There is grant monies available, but nobody has checked into that since 2009. Deputy Chief Schaeffer ordered a few of the new radios. Now that discussions are underway, it appears we are finally being taken seriously about communications on the Island.
- Pagers – Firefighter Gould may be interested in taking over the pager programming for the department. We have pagers in a box, but we don't know if they are operational or not. New pagers run around \$430.00. No matter what we do, we need to invest in new chargers and

batteries. It was agreed by all members present to send the pagers we have back to see if any of them are operational. In addition, it was agreed to order 10 chargers and 10 batteries.

- Foam – it is very expensive to ship. It was agreed to bring the foam back when the new 93 comes back.

Island Wide Mutual Aid alarm system – The ComCenter will have on their screen who to automatically dispatch based on alarm 1, 2 or 3 etc. It will make life a lot easier for dispatching.

Retired Asst. Chief Ellis researched an insurance policy for doing fire investigations. Annual cost is \$1,562.00 and provides \$1,000,000 liability for possible damage done at the house from investigating or if he gets sued. The Chief will check back in the minutes to see what was voted when he retired.

OB Fireworks – they are already looking for coverage.

Meeting adjourned 4:50pm.