

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING
1/13/15 @ 4:00PM

Present: Chief Peter Shemeth, Deputy Chief Alex Schaeffer, Retired Asst. Chief Scott Ellis, EMS Rep Kara Shemeth, Captain Geoff Freeman, Assistant Chief Andrew Kelly and Anita Billings.

Meeting commenced at 4:00pm

Review and approved minutes from December meeting

Review budget balances and signed off on bills

- Is it necessary for the Board to review all bills and sign off on them?
- It was voted some time ago that only 1 Chief needs to sign off on the bills and payroll

Old Business:

Budget:

- The Chiefs had budget hearing with the FinCom
- We increased expenses for Fire and EMS by 2.5%
- We discussed the 2 articles for Truck and Jet Ski. There didn't appear to be any objections.

Heating System:

- Brennan sent proposal for \$73,000+. We need to get clarification on exactly what is covered under proposal and what we will need in addition to determine total project costs. The Chiefs will schedule a meeting with him to discuss it.

Apparatus & Equipment:

- Engine 2 repairs – We keep going round and round. The cost to change the pressure governor is roughly \$7,000 which we do not have in our budget. It was agreed to try and put it through as emergency funds to the Town.
- Jet Ski - Would like to look into converting trailer that jet ski is on to one with better tires
- Dive Bus – recommendation is to scrap the program. Deputy Chief Schaeffer feels the dive team is not active and we should pull the dive equipment off the bus. He also talked to Angie at VTA. She has international style buses of various lengths that we could have access to. Perhaps we should be looking for a vehicle which could be used universally, i.e. dive, rehab etc.
- Boats – The Chiefs need to sit down and discuss the dive team and the boats.
- HTA – Mike is no longer with HTA. Deputy Chief Schaeffer reached out to Angie about municipal maintenance. She said if Allan was involved, she would consider allowing him to use their lift for us. We need to try and stay local for regular maintenance if possible.
- Deputy Chief Schaeffer purchased a jack capable of lifting anything in the building.

New Business:

Building Maintenance:

- Air Room – room has been cleaned out. Need lockable cabinet for tools. Maybe some good shelving to fill the dead space. Maybe a cabinet that rolls. The Chief said to go ahead with whatever works best.
- Lockers – do we have a long term goal as to what we are doing with that wall? When we get ATV back, we are going to need some extra indoor space.

Training:

- OB had drill on Sunday. It was a good drill, we learned a lot from it.
- There were communication issues and a lot going on
- What was the drill actually set up to accomplish? It was confusing
- We need to have an Ice Rescue drill at some point.

Meeting adjourned 5:15pm