

**BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**  
MONTHLY MEETING  
7/14//15 @ 4:00PM

**Present:** Chief Peter Shemeth, Deputy Chief Alex Schaeffer, Senior Captain Charlie Smith, Retired Capt. Richard Kelly, Retired Asst. Chief Scott Ellis, Capt. Geoff Freeman, Retired Deputy Chief Larry Thomas, EMS Rep Kara Shemeth, Assistant Chief Andrew Kelly and Anita Billings.

Meeting commenced at 4:05pm

Review and approved minutes from June meeting  
Review budget balances

**Old Business:**

Building:

- Oil tank is in; the old tank was in really bad shape
- The furnace is disconnected to clean it up

Personnel:

- Buck met with the Chiefs – good conversation, cleared a lot up. He felt that the money used for the full time Chief's position should have been used for insurance for firefighters. He knows he still has to get the physical.
- All Captains and Lieutenants were given letters of appointment. Raphael to get new letter of appointment as lieutenant effective immediately, as he is no longer "acting Lieutenant".
- Ambulance hire – Trevor Scanlon and Josh Baker split the 40/hr summer position.
- The Chief talked to Chuck about classes held at the station. Chuck said that he pays his assistants and then the balance goes back into the EFA account. Asst. Chief Kelly stated he believed the Trustees had not paid their bill for last year or this year.

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- Engine 1 is back. Bulldog made numerous adjustments to truck
- Foam has been ordered
- Pickup Truck – The Chiefs decided to go with an Extra cab 4wheel drive with utility body and V-plow package for \$57,600. Price does not include painting and super size tires. There is a 20 week wait on the truck.
- Turnout Gear – We have at least 3 people who need all new gear. Haven't spoken with Dave at IPS yet about a date to come down.
- Engine 2 – still pecking away at issues with it.

Uniforms:

- Kara reported that 4 ½" X 4" patches would cost \$1.09 each if we buy 1000 patches
- Flags would be \$0.94 each
- Uniforms are expense, can EFA help? It will be brought up at the next EFA meeting
- Did we ever decide on hash tags? It was agreed by all members to do a "serving since" on the coat.

## **New Business:**

### Fires:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> was a chaotic weekend with the fire at The Atlantic. Cause of fire is still under investigation.
- Kitchen fire at Rockfish
- There has been talk circulating about hood cleaning company that serviced both restaurants, but that is just hearsay. We cannot make speculations based on rumors.
- The Chief has contacted Dave Beaudin from State Fire Marshall's office to look at both restaurants.

### Personnel:

- Paul Bagnall – apparently there was an issue with his physical. We never received any information from Dr. Zach. Paul said he would follow up with Dr. Zach directly. Anita to follow up with Teri in the office for records on all firefighter physicals.
- Mike Brown – Asst. Chief Kelly reached out to him regarding his status. He had stated that he can't respond during the day because of his job. He still has to make an effort to show up to drills and incidents. The Chief will reach out to him. Deputy Chief Schaeffer reminded the Board that they have been dealing with this same issue for 2 years.
- Polo Shirts – Asst. Chief Kelly sent out a message reminding all members that the new duty shirts are to be worn for department functions only. This came about because he saw pictures posted on facebook of personnel wearing the shirts out on Norton Point.

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm.