

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING
8/11/15 @ 4:00PM

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

Meeting commenced at 4:05pm

Review and approved minutes from July meeting
Review budget balances

Old Business:

Building:

- Bay door has been replaced. Cost was \$1,500
- Doors need to be painted
- Supply New England came and measured all the rooms for heat pumps

Trucks, Equipment & Maintenance:

- Jet Ski – had to be sent back to Pilgrim Power Sports for repairs because fuel cap was not put back on properly and debris got in. We need more training on it.
- New Pickup Truck – we've been approved by Ford, but no "build" date yet.
- PPE - Dave @ IPS was down on 8/5/15. Several members got measured.
- Capt. Wells is going to look for funding for 10 sets of gear for the Chappy guys. Asst. Chief Kelly said we need at least 5 for the department.
- Engine 2 – Wouldn't pump foam. It is probable that foam was dumped into water tank. Deputy Chief Schaeffer cleaned everything out and put back together. Intake heater is still shorting out which is causing alarm. It is being worked on.
- E90 - Had an issue with circuit blowing a fuse. It has been fixed.
- Engine 1 - Foam system was only set to 1%. Deputy Chief Schaeffer did some research and re-programmed the computer to increase the percentage.

New Business:

Incidents & Inspections:

- It's been a very busy summer – many fire calls and car accidents.
- Smoke investigation at the house owned by Stop & Shop - Couldn't find the source of smoke but house was in uninhabitable condition. The Chief talked with them and they realize it's a liability and are going to board it back up.
- The Chief has a list of all the Hoods in Town from the Board of Health. He has met with all of the businesses with expired hood inspections.
- The Chief also did a presentation with the Police Chief for bar owners in Town. They discussed false ID's and overcapacity fines. First offense is \$5,000 and the second is \$25,000. Hopefully the business owners got the message. Last weekend the Chief went out with a police officer and did spot checks at a few bars/restaurants. It's going to take time for the businesses to get into compliance, but we're moving in the right direction.

- The recent incidents we've had at night have been well attended. Thank you to everyone for making the effort.

Budgets & Personnel:

- The Chief texted Mike Brown about coming in and meeting about his lack of participation.
- The Chief wants to set up a meeting with the Personnel Board to start working on Firefighter/Paramedic positions. He also wants to meet with the FinCom about increasing the budget. They start meeting again in September.
- We have paid out a lot on maintenance already this year.

Training:

- Burn on Chappy is scheduled for November 8th
- What is the status of the boat? We will continue the program through September. Deputy Chief Schaeffer reported that the Police Department is having trouble covering their shifts on the boat and will most likely be reducing their coverage. Hopefully we can get a few more of our personnel trained over the winter.

OB Fireworks:

- E90 will be at Ocean Park
- Deputy Chief Schaeffer and Paramedic Cooney will be on 267

Motion to adjourn 4:55pm