

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING
10/13/15 @ 4:00PM

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

Meeting commenced at 4:02pm

Review and approved minutes from September meeting
Review budget balances

Old Business:

Budget

- The Chief is on the agenda with FinCom for next Wednesday. Unfortunately they are not coming here as we hoped.
- Expenses this year are way up including: Insurance costs, QED charges, vehicle and building maintenance.
- 2.5% increase in budget is just not cutting it. Added costs so far up \$15,000 and increase in FY16 budget was only \$4,400.

Building, Equipment & Maintenance

- VTA had section of doors for the bays. Capt. Maciel painted last 2 sections, looks great !
- Furnace should be all set for the winter. The Chief will call Packer to come fill the tank and contact Rob Young about circulator.
- Pump tests next month. Deputy Chief Schaeffer is going to meet with them tomorrow to go over Engine 4.
- Asst. Chief Kelly spoke with John Dropick about the purchasing of the reclining chairs in the EMS room. He said the purchase definitely falls under guidelines for EFA. Unfortunately the EFA did not have a quorum at their last meeting, so a vote will have to wait until next month.

Personnel

- Officers Meeting – Capt. Sylvia gave his notice in light of time conflicts with PD
- Kevin Maciel is now Captain of Engine 1 with Lt's Crave and Valenti
- Capt. Koohy is now Senior Captain of Engine 2/4 with Lt's Shemeth and Foster. Capt. Koohy will also assist with training and help to bring Chappy up to speed.
- So far the changes have received a positive reaction and enthusiasm.
- Marilyn, from Personnel Board, is on vacation again. She has retired but the Town has not hired a replacement. Deputy Chief Schaeffer reported that the Town should have a decision tomorrow.
- The Chief will make sure he is on the agenda for their next meeting.

Training:

- Live fire November 7th
- Good turnout for pumps & hydraulics and ropes classes

- Firefighters Trevor Scanlon and Khalid Dore, as well as Capt. Kevin Maciel attended week long Coast Guard class in Woods Hole.

New Business:

Budget:

- Capital Programs has asked for updated 5 year plan. This plan is for purchases which exceed \$100,000.
- Deputy Chief Schaeffer stated we have many choices to make. We have the opportunity with new technologies and apparatus construction to maybe trade in Engine 2 for something more appropriate.
- It was agreed to amend 5 year plan as follows: 2017 = Replace Ambulance, 2018 = Replace Engine, 2019 = Replace Engine, 2020 = Replace Ambulance.
- NFPA is going to start regulating ambulance specs. What about gas vs. diesel?
- Where do we start about building a new station?
- Deputy Chief Schaeffer indicated we have many other equipment needs for Ambulance i.e. IV pumps, stretchers, that add up to \$100,000, but only as a group of items.

Deputy Chief Schaeffer reported that Paramedic Antik had approached him about bringing over the SAFE trailer for the school kids. Could we contact the Highway Department about picking it up and bringing it over? There is money in the SAFE grant for the reservations. Chief Shemeth spoke with Charlie and they felt it shouldn't be a problem.

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm.