

Board of Engineers
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Present: Chief Shemeth, Assistant Chief Ellis, Sr. Capt. Charlie Smith, Larry Thomas, Geoff Freeman, & Richard Kelly

Also in attendance: Kate Conde

Meeting started at 4:00pm

Read & approved minutes from 12/10/13
Reviewed & signed payroll

Note: There were no bills this pay period per the town accountant due to the Munis system update.

Old Business:

210, 211, 212 have reviewed budget. There has been a request for gear for some of the guys. We are looking for the less expensive route to furnish this gear. Estimate for this is \$800.00

210 spoke with Stuart from the Hwy Department, re: plowing. 210 wanted to know where the plow set up was from the pickup truck. 210 suggested to put back on our pickup truck and we can be responsible for maintaining EFD & EPD, as well as potential patient driveways on an ambulance call.

Capt. Kelly asks about the retirement party for the guys. 210 said he will continue to look into it.

New Business:

Ladder truck is having mechanical issues- again. This past weekend it would not shift. The mobile mechanic came to look at it this past week and replaced a sensor. 210 states that he has lost faith in the truck and the truck is unreliable. E1 has also looked at it and has no resolution. Captain Freeman is also disappointed with the many issues and is concerned whether the sensor replacement is the fix. Captain Freeman states that the cold weather does not help; the air system freezes up. If we have the opportunity to fill, only 2 bottles get filled before it stops working. Capt. Freeman believes it is the moisture in the line. 210 states that this is a self-contained closed system. Larry Thomas asks if there is a moisture separation mechanism from the manufacturer.

@4:20 Assistant Chief Ellis leaves.

210 reports that E2 has a gouge in the sidewall on the front tire. We need to get that replaced ASAP for safety of the crew. 210 asks Capt. Freeman where the airport purchases their tires. Capt. Freeman states they get them under state contract, which is less than the cost to us from VH. He will get that information to 210 tomorrow.

210 said that he was pleased with the services for John Varkonda. He said that the service went well and it was a full house. The honor guard was Island wide with DCR members as well. The reception was well coordinated at the station; members of the Town Hall assisted with set up, EFA members also helped set up, Kate ordered tables, linens, coffee & coolers with Tilton, Gina DeBettencourt organized all the food for the potluck and many hands on deck for clean up. Glenn from Your Market will submit a bill for beer & wine. 210 said that he spoke to the chiefs, association & town hall about splitting the costs for reception for the family. All parties were willing to do that.

210 said that another town is interested in the Rescue truck. KME will take it back & resell to the town that is interested in it. This was The Town of Edgartown is not liable and we will receive a reduction on our new truck.

Meeting ends: 4:49