

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MEETING HELD 6/10/14

PRESENT: Chief Shemeth, Deputy Chief Schaeffer, Asst. Chief Ellis, Capt. Kelly, Capt. Charlie Smith, Capt. Geoff Freeman and Assistant Anita Billings

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

Review of bills and sign off

Review and approve minutes from May meeting

Old Business:

Equipment & Apparatus:

- Paint Engine 1 door
- Base radio is back and working
- Tires for the Ambulance – Asst. Chief Ellis has not ordered, will call ASAP
- Department needs flashlights, lights for Engine 2, pass devices and pagers. Deputy Chief Schaeffer indicated 2 new members need pagers; he will remind Jake that we should always have 5 pagers available.
- We will be getting a used copy machine from the Town Hall to replace our office machine which is older.
- Discussed mission of boat on Chappy. Is it worth repowering boat with new motor or use the money to purchase a jet ski which could be used more appropriately? Chappy boat could then be used for some other purpose.

Medical Exams

- Talked to Dr. Zach about exams. He asked if they could be done in September and he will send out questionnaires ahead of time.

Budget

- Expenses to come include Firehouse contract, floating dock, tires, flashlights, bills from Ron
- There are concerns that there should be a better handle on the budget in the future
- With 2 new trucks coming, we need to consider the equipment we already have versus new “shiny” equipment. **It was agreed by all members that we should not be replacing equipment that is functioning properly.**
- Deputy Chief Schaeffer asked for guidance from the Board about who makes the decisions on purchases. **The Board all felt confident in the Chiefs making the decision.**

The Chief and Anita met with Personnel Board. They approved an increase to Step 2 and suggested to write a new job description for additional responsibilities.

New Business:

Jet Ski

- Chief Shemeth talked with Chief Bettencourt about putting Jet Ski under Marine Unit

- A Jet Ski can go where other boats can't go
- Members will need training
- Deputy Chief Schaeffer called Environmental Police for advice about size of Jet Ski
- Possible cost MSRP \$15,000
- We will need to get some political support for this

Jaws of Life

- Chief Shemeth talked to the Cuttyhunk Fire Chief about our old set of jaws
- If everyone is in agreement, he will run it by the Town and give them to the Cuttyhunk FD. **All members were in agreement.**

No further new business

Meeting adjourned 5:08pm