

Board of Fire Engineers
Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Present:

Chief Peter Shemeth, Deputy Chief Alex Schaffer, Assistant Chief Scott Ellis & Retired Captain Dick Kelly

Also in attendance: Kate Conde

Meeting started at 4:00pm

Read & approved meeting minutes from 11/12/13

Reviewed & signed bills

OLD BUSINESS:

- Budget FY15:
- The Chief states that he reviewed the Article for the Air Packs with the Capital Programs Committee & they are OK with this
- The Chief stated that he & Alex attended the FinCom Meeting yesterday
 - Reviewed the budget
 - \$10,000 increase to Salaries & Wages for trainings
 - 2.5% increase on operating budget
 - New line items added for the boat (all monies reallocated from current line items)
 - Maintenance
 - Fuel
 - Insurance
- OverHead Door came and fixed door
- 211 spoke to SCOTT representative re: what is the BEST way to acquire packs? Rep is willing to come in January & will bring desired gear

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Chief went to the Insurance Co. to see how the '27 & '52 trucks are covered; not covered for replacement value. 210 suggests we need to get estimated value of trucks.
 - 210 would like to see insurance covered to replacement value
 - The trucks are insured & registered to the Town of Edgartown
 - 211 asks what is the benefit of having these vehicle registered to the Town of Edgartown & not association?
 - 210 states that the Town of Edgartown is covered for all passengers for parade
 - 211 would like to see next generation at the station more often; more family-oriented on Sundays. He feels strongly that it will inspire these generations to be active members in the future like Kara & Andy.
- 211 concerned with managing the budget for expenses with Jr. FF; how can we manage the deficit & still be able to offer benefits to those interested??
 - 210 suggests a spending freeze
 - 211 suggests close attention to bills being [aid each month & recommends reviewing past bills & expenditures to be able to forecast what is to come.
 - 210 states we will work on that to come to a resolution
- 210 asks about any available gear
 - 211 will reach out to officers to get a handle on what is available & needed

- Capt. Kelly wants to “do something” for retiring members of department; what is the best way to honor these guys?
 - 211 mentions he spoke to Jake about recognizing EMS providers as well
 - 211 emphasizes the need to celebrate even the small achievements
- 210 asks 211 about First Responder training
 - 211 states that it is available when he is ready- 40 hours is the federal requirement
- 210 asks about EMT recruitment –
 - 211 states there is a need – there are 2 FF interested : what can we offer them in terms of reimbursement
 - 210 would like to see 4 new recruits

Assistant Chief Ellis leaves at 5:08 for a fire alarm

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm