

Regular meeting of Board of Fire Engineers held May 30, 2006; meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief A. Galinelli, N. Blank, B. Remy, R. Miner, J. Ulmschneider, J. Sousa, C. O'Brien, & S. Little.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, 2nd by N. Blank, to accept as submitted. Motion unanimously passed.

Old Business: > Scholarships - 3 applications rec'd. Chief suggested paying all \$500 ea. from Relief Fund. B. Remy made motion, 2nd by R. Miner; motion unanimously passed. Rotary is donating \$1,000 to the Relief Fund, which will off-set. Chief will send letters of congratulations.

> 2006/2007 Budget - passed by default.

> Firemen's Memorial Sunday - June 11th. Mass 7:15 a.m. at St. Mary's of the Bay; breakfast at Sta. 5; route to be unchanged; guest speaker is Chief Peter Burke from Swansea. Chief needs list of deceased members from past year. Chief suggested presenting R. Johnson with engraved axe during ceremonies; J. Ulmschneider said he did not think Memorial Sunday appropriate. Letter will be sent to R. Johnson to have him attend next Board meeting.

> July 4th Details - B. Buertin will cover one night; K. Blank will cover the other. In the future anyone wanting to do a detail will need to take the crowd control class.

> Updated Membership Lists - Have Sta. 2; need all others.

> Elementary School Cookouts - Need help July 9th for 390 people

and July 14th for 190. July 9th for Hugh Cole; July 14th for Mary V. Quirk.

New Business: > Leave of Absence - Jack McCullough & John Lamberton, both for June & July due to work schedules. B. Remy made motion, 2nd by J. Sousa, to approve. Approved unanimously.

Chief asked R. Miner to inform F. Cavallaro that all loa's must come through Chief & Board.

> Chief stated he will send memo to all companies re having representative at Board meetings; they will be non-compliant if not, and not allowed to respond to calls. They also need to send someone to all Training Division meetings.

> Chief informed R. Miner he removed sentence in June rescue schedule to notify rescue lieutenant with ANY problems; Chief stated he is to be informed first. If Chief not contacted, the officer in question will be suspended. J. Ulmschneider & N. Blank think members may be more comfortable telling company office first. Chief stated if that's the case, the officer should call the Chief immediately, and not wait until Chief learns through other methods.

> Memo distributed re backing up apparatus, using a spotter. This is to be made part of the SOPs.

> Defensive driving course taken by M. Scherwitz, D. Costa, & J. McCullough. Course taken through The Trust. Manager to be informed.

> Station Reports: > J. Ulmschneider wants to meet with Chief & lieutenant to review Sta. 5.

New well drilled for Sta. 6; needs pump installed. B. Remy will look into. Furnace has been shutting off; Brannan Oil was to be called. Chief said he will try to have new boiler in before winter. Their clambake is last Sunday in August.

Other: > Chief said not all new gear picked up yet.

> B. Decastro has not done smoke/CO detector installations yet.

> P. Karsh sent letter asked to be reinstated; Chief said he thinks it should go before Rescue. R. Miner said he thinks P. Karsh should have his EMT license within 1 yr. and also appear before the Board.

> Chief reminded everyone hose testing must be completed by August.

Training: >FFI certificates distributed. Chief said to inform everyone they can get national certification by sending \$10 in with required info. N. Blank said he needs list of probationary members who took class.

> FFII class cannot be done until all FFI's have taken 24 hr. HazMat class. P. Simmons is putting together a list of possible class dates.

> Class given on hybrid cars. N. Blank said should be done every 2 yrs. due to increasing models. Class instructor also give 8 hr. extrication class on these, and charges \$1,000. Chief said we will wait until there are more hybrids on the road before doing extrication class.

> Safety Officers have been meeting. They do not want to do the accountability. R. Miner said they only need to make sure it is set up. Chief will contact D. Tetrault before next Board meeting.

> Chief read letter from N. Blank to Town Manager re Training Room. Chief said he will not give letter to manager since funding is back in next year's budget. Work on getting problems remedied has been being discussed continually for some time. Room needs to be gutted, and downspouts need to be corrected. Chief will present information to J. Massed. Funds will come from Gov't Center account.

> Driver Cross Training - J. Sousa said attendance falling off. Chief will speak with J. Jannitto about cross training for E-1. J. Sousa asked that cross training be brought up at all company meetings.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, 2nd by B. Remy, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.