

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held March 31, 2008; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Brian Remy, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Christopher Stanley, Jon Ulmschneider, Anthony Primiano, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Robert Horton & Scott Little.

Minutes from previous meeting read. Motion made to accept as submitted by R. Miner, seconded by B. Remy. Motion unanimously approved.

**Correspondence: Individual company correspondence distributed.
 Substance Abuse 5K scheduled for May 3rd; they are looking for donations. Will also need a rescue that day.**

Old Business:

 2008/2009 Budget – Fire department basically got what was requested in operating budget. Station upkeep approved for \$5,000 to maintain \$20,000 balance in account; \$7,000 for ¾” hose.

 Flag Pole – Have letters from Eng. 1, 3, 5, & Ladder. Need one from Eng. 2, 6, and rescue.

 Firemen’s Memorial Sunday – Letter sent to Father Masella re: mass at St. Alexander’s; waiting for response. Eng. 3 doing the breakfast.

New Business:

 Chief will be away April 1-4 and week of April 14.

 Scholarship applications distributed. None will be accepted after May 30th.

 May Board meeting changed to Tuesday, May 20th.

 Ben King appeared before Board re: returning to rescue after extended absence. R. Miner made motion, seconded by B. Remy, to permit his return as requested. Motion unanimously approved.

 Memo distributed & discussed re: private ambulance transports. There have been some problems with transports when the call has been perceived as not a real emergency.

 Some companies have not yet sent in payment for the playground bricks ordered. Chief asked this be taken care of as soon as possible.

 July 4th – Eng. 1 will participate. N. Blank requested a letter be sent to committee requesting the firefighters who stand by with the tanker be paid for the detail.

 Emergency Access Box updated listing distributed.

 Chief stated rescue transports to Newport Hospital are taking too long. N. Blank made motion, seconded by R. Miner, to do a 90-day trial period eliminating transports to Newport. Chief stated we can offer to take them to Charleton, St. Anne's, or any other hospital to which we normally transport. If this is not acceptable to the patient, we will inform the patient we can contact a private ambulance for them. Motion approved unanimously.

 May 1st is Career Day at Kickemuit Middle School, if anyone can attend.

 N. Blank asked about D. Brule not passing officers test for Hazards. Brule needs to get in touch with K. McPhillips to re-take. If he has not taken the test again and passed before the night officer nominations are made, he will not be able to run.

Station Reports:

 Chief speaking with representatives from Mt. Hope High School re: doing the construction work. Chief asked J. Sousa & R. Horton to attend the April 8th Town Council Meeting; Chief wants to meet with them and the individuals from the school prior to the Council meeting.

 Station 5 still has an old car in back. Chief to have it tagged so it can be removed. J. Ulmschneider said he is working on it also.

 Station 3 has new gas boiler, installed by company Steve Asselin works for. It is a prototype, and will be left in place for no charge if, after one year, it appears to be working well. N. Blank stated the boot falls off the Plymovent elbow.

 Rescue compressor keeps blowing fuse when it comes on. Chief said to relocate computer, etc., from the compressor fuse.

Training:

 April calendar distributed.

 FFI begins April 15th. Chief asked if Board wants to have classes at different locations. Decision made to have them all at Fire

Headquarters. Chief stated most of the instructors will be from State Fire Academy, and to inform all attendees to be on time for classes.

 Car/mobile home/trailer fire drill last Sunday went okay.

 Chief suggested having a water shuttle drill in Touisset sometime in May. If 250 gpm can be delivered continuously for two hours, it would reduce the insurance rate for the Touisset area. Chief to speak with a representative from NFPA about this.

 Ed Cabral submitted suggestion to have a marine rescue, multi-agency drill utilizing the Vista Jubilee; the company offered a date of May 12th to do this. Chief to look into possibility.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Sousa made motion, seconded by B. Remy, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.