

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Dec. 29, 2008; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Jon Ulmschneider, Christopher Stanley, Anthony Primiano, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Norman Guertin and Robert Horton.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by J. Ulmschneider, to accept as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« 2009 Duty Chief schedule distributed.

„« Eng. 6 registration for new plate given to J. Sousa.

Old Business:

„« Company Membership Lists iV Engs. 5 and 6 received.

„« 2009/2010 Budget iV Chief wants to hold capital items to \$7,000 new gear, \$20,000 station upkeep, and \$40,000 new chief's vehicle.

Main issue Chief will be including in proposed budget is getting Tracy Wazecha full-time. He will add flagpole for Town Common if new manager/town council will not cover from another venue. Chief having meeting with all EMTs on Jan. 11th to discuss future of rescue. He wants to increase stipends in this budget. Chief

requested deputy/assistant chiefs attend.

„« Officers Test ¶ Everyone passed. Chief asked if Board feels they should consider senior department members who have taken the basic firefighter course, but not FF I or II, for officers positions. N. Blank said he feels they should be given credit for their years of experience. Chief, J. Sousa, and N. Blank will meet on this before the next testing period.

„« Tower 1 dedication went well.

„« V-Tac Channels ¶ Will work on a power-point presentation. N. Blank suggested including dispatchers in the training. Chief said it is a good idea, but the fire department will probably have to pay any overtime necessary to have dispatchers attend.

New Business:

„« LOA/Resignation ¶ Peter Karsch submitted letter of resignation from rescue; he wants to join Eng. 5. He will still be able to respond to rescue calls. N. Blank made motion, with second by J. Sousa, to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

„« 2009 Board Meeting Schedule ¶ distributed, with change of day noted.

„« 2009 Board of Fire Engineers appointments ¶ Chief will send letter to new town manager once hired advising them of Board members.

„« 2009 Board of Fire Engineers recording secretary ¶ J. Ulmschneider made motion to appoint Carolyn O'Brien; R. Miner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

„« Chief read memo from town treasurer that due to some problems,

rescue stipends and steward check can no longer be picked up; they will all be mailed by 2:00 p.m. the day they are due out.

„« Safety vests distributed, along with the SOP for Traffic Incident Management distributed.

„« SOP on Portable Equipment distributed and discussed. This was prompted by Chief's need to have the motor from the new boat repaired due to the proper fuel mixture not being used.

Station Reports:

„« Rescue generator re-piped.

„« Sta. 5 keypad does not work well in cold weather. N. Blank suggested replacing it. Chief will contact Cook's Overhead Door to have replaced and possibly moved to a more protected area.

„« R. Horton questioned if Chief noticed difference in electric bill for Sta. 6; they removed the large commercial refrigerator. Chief stated 25-30 bids expected for Sta. 6 renovations; bids to be opened Jan. 9th at 11:00 a.m.

„« N. Blank stated Sta. 3 fans continue to run 5-10 minutes after room heats. Chief said the problem is with the controller; he will have it checked. N. Blank questioned what to do with the foam cans at Sta. 3; Chief told him we will have a foam drill at a later date to use it.

Training:

„« FF II begins Jan. 13, 2009, using IFSTA 5th Edition. Chief has purchased the instructor kit also.

„« Thermal imager drill went well.

„« Chief received letter from Union Fire District. They will charge \$600 to do a live burn training for WFD; we need to supply 15 pallets and lunch. Chief said they will do a level I and II burn; this is scheduled for May 30th. N. Blank will call for a sign-up sheet; only senior members or FF I certified will be able to participate. Chief feels it should be the new members who get first priority. FF II class participants will go through a live burn in Bristol.

„« FF I class iV Chief still planning to hold after FF II finishes.

„« Cold water drill scheduled for Jan. 18, 2009. Road will be shut down in order for Tower 1 to be used.

„« Warren Storage walk-through scheduled for Jan. 15, 2009

„« Blood-borne pathogen class will be held for department members.

Other:

„« Effective Jan. 1, 2009 the reserve engine at Sta. 6 will be called Eng. 4. If it is used as a temporary replacement for another engine, it will be referred to as the engine number it is replacing.

„« N. Blank will be out for surgery/recovery as of Jan. 27, 2009; it will be apprx. 10 weeks for recovery.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made a motion to adjourn; N. Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.