

Kingston Fire District  
Finance Committee Meeting  
February 25, 2010

Call to Order: Lori Horton called the KFD Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. Present were Vern Wyman, Bob Drapeau, Nate Barrington, and Tom Vignali.

### Chief's Report and Budget

Nate Barrington distributed an initial budget proposal for FY '10-'11. He noted that the maintenance for all trucks is pooled in one line item. There is a one-time anticipated expense for new AirPacs. A grant has been applied for from the Homeland Security Fire Act, but we don't know if it will be received. We have three options: pay to replace all 27 AirPacs in one year (as proposed in this budget), take out a 10-year debt to pay for the replacements, or pay to replace a portion of the Pacs each year. The last option would result in our having non-standardized AirPacs, which could negatively impact a firefighter's safety in an emergency.

The detail rates are currently breaking even with a \$30/hour charge. Jodi is spending about eight hours a week of her time organizing the details. We have recently started doing more EMS (one-person) details, which cost us more than the multi-person details. Discussion was held about allocating some of Jodi's time to details (which would require a substantial rate increase). Bob Drapeau noted that Global Spectrum is looking at the EMS situation and may decide to contract those details out (to a non-KFD provider). Lori Horton stated that in fairness to the taxpayers, who get no benefit from the URI details, a portion of Jodi's salary should be allocated to and paid by the details. There are about 20 details/year for non-URI entities (W.K. School, etc.)

### Minutes Approved

The members present reviewed and approved the minutes of the last meeting, 2/4/10, as drafted.

### Treasurer's Report

Tom Vignali distributed financials dated 2/24/10. There was a discussion about meal costs. Tom Vignali noted that last year about \$16,500 was spent on meals. We budget for every duty shift: on regular nights we pay for three meals (\$12/meal), on Saturday and Sunday we budget three lunches and three dinners; in the summer it is one meal/day.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.