

West Ossipee Fire Precinct Commissioners
April 4, 2009

Commissioners Present: Joseph Goss, Paul Jay
Others Present: Brad Eldridge, Mellisa Ferland, Matt Welch
Minutes Taken By: Marilyn Bolduc

Commissioner J. Goss called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 21st meeting; passed 2-0.

Mail Folder - The Commission received a letter from the Town of Ossipee Selectman regarding the Feasibility Study Article that passed at Town Meeting. The Commissioners felt a response to the letter should be sent to the Selectmen. Commissioner J. Goss recommended that all three precinct commissioners and fire chiefs meet and draft a joint response. The Town has elected to go with MRI, even though in a public meeting prior to Town Meeting, it was requested another company to chosen. It is also felt that there has been no communication from the Town to the precincts. By May 15th, MRI is to gather information and documents from the precincts. The precinct has not been notified as to the scope of the information MRI needs. Commissioner J. Goss also recommended quarterly meetings with the other precincts. A tentative date of April 11th at 10am was set to meet at the Center Ossipee Station.

A letter from Land Tech, regarding boundary line adjustments for Central Station, was received. The cost quoted was \$5,492.00. The quote is good for 45 days. A motion to set aside discussion until the first commissioners' meeting in May was made and passed 2-0.

Chief Eldridge presented a copy of the information he has found regarding the formation of the West Ossipee Fire Precinct. Because the wording in the article does not include reference to Statute RSA 52, there is a question to the validity of the formation of the precinct. He has talked with Precinct Attorney Slack. They will be following up on leads to the FHA bond on Engine 1, the bond council, the archives at the State Library, and when the precinct started to receive block grants from the State's Treasurer's Office. Once this is resolved the financing for the Jewell Hill Station can go through.

Manifest - The manifest included an invoice from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus for all of the truck inspections, Ossipee Mountain Electronics for radio maintenance, and Payroll for the month of March. A motion to accept the manifest was made and passed 2-0.

Payroll Policy - A motion was made to pass the Payroll Policy as written and to go into effect immediately; passed 2-0.

Jewell Hill Station - The stump debris is pretty much cleared away. They will be screening the loam soon. Matt Welch and Carl Huddleston will meet with Jon and Dunley to lay out the plumbing. The propane quotes have not changed. Maine Gas and Eastern Propane do not offer the employee discount plan that is offered by Rymes. Rymes will offer the program to the West Ossipee Department members whether or not they get the contract. Maine Gas does not offer diesel fuel, Rymes does. Rymes is about \$0.30/gal higher than Maine Gas or Eastern Propane.

A motion was made to have Maine Gas supply propane fuel to the West Ossipee Fire Precinct; passed 2-0. Chief Eldridge said two 420 gallon tanks will be set and Maine Gas will put a pad down for the tanks.

Engine 3 - The replacement truck has been painted and it passed its pump test. The water tank was tested. A small leak was found and repaired. Chief Eldridge will check about an extended warranty on the tank and report back.

There is interest for the pump on Engine 3 for parts. The truck will be listed for \$10,000.00 with Fire Tech and specifications will be sent to Georgia. Engine 3 will be placed "Out of Service" on Thursday, April 9th. It will be stored at the Center Ossipee station until it is sold. Chief Eldridge will be getting a check from the Town this week to purchase the replacement truck.

A motion was made to take \$5,000.00 from the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund and \$5,000.00 from the Capital Outlay Account to purchase the replacement truck; passed 2-0.

Old Business- The Wright Express fuel cards are in the trucks and the men have their security codes.

Paul Jay asked if his Commissioner Plate had been ordered. Chief Eldridge said he had to wait until he met the minimum order requirement. The order has been place.

Junior Firefighter Program - Chief Eldridge reported there has been great interest in the program. There are three active members and three potential members in the application process. They are reviewing many applications for additional members. Job descriptions and a Junior Program Policy Manual are being developed. Applicants must submit working papers with their parents' signatures with the applications. Chief Eldridge ask if the Commissioners wanted to assign a cut off number for applications. The Commissioners would like to leave it open for now. They may put a cap on it at a later date. Commissioner J. Goss asked if Chief Eldridge knew of any grants available for the Junior Firefighter Program; he will check.

Chief Eldridge said that additional turnout gear will be needed in the future for the Junior Program. Right now there is turnout gear to outfit the junior members. Eventually, they would like the junior members to have different colored turnout gear so they would be easily identified at fire scenes. It was suggested to check with suppliers, like Globe, for seconds. It was also suggested that the junior members to do fundraising to purchase their equipment.

Chief Eldridge reported that he will be making arrangements with Local Government Center for a Sexual Harassment Training Session for the department.

New Business - Due to commitments of two of the Commissioners, the Commissioners' meeting date has been changed to the first Sunday of the month at 9:00am starting on May 3, 2009. Meetings will be once a month and will be kept to an hour, if possible. If needed, the Commissioners will schedule a Work Session Meeting during the month. There will be no Commissioners' Meeting on April 18th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed 2-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Accepted On: _____
Date

Commissioner Joseph Goss

Commissioner Henry Ela

Commissioner Paul Jay