

**West Ossipee Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Sunday June 7, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Joseph Goss and Henry Ela

Others Present: Chief Brad Eldridge, Dep. Chief Carl Huddleston, and Glenn Tucker

Minutes Taken By: Marilyn Bolduc

Commissioner J. Goss called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

The minutes from the May 17, 2009 public and non public meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes was passed 2-0.

Mail Folder - The mail folder was reviewed. A letter from the Ossipee Board of Selectmen was read regarding the release of the MRI Feasibility Study reports. The Selectmen stated if after they reviewed the report they felt the precincts should have a copy of the report, and then they would release copies to each fire precinct.

Payroll for the month was reviewed and approved for payment.

Treasurer, Ray Boutin, submitted a monthly Profit and Loss Statement. It showed spending is at about 45-50% of the year's budget.

Other Business - Chief Eldridge reported that the West Ossipee Fire Precinct ratification amendment was presented to the Ways and Means Committee at the State Legislature. Commissioner P. Jay read a prepared statement to the committee. The statement was concise and the committee didn't have additional questions. The amendment passed the committee and the House. It should be going before the Senate this coming week. Senator Jeb Bradley was at the committee hearing and is supporting the amendment through the Senate.

The Bond Council has talked with Ocean Bank that there are no problems with approving the West Ossipee Fire Precinct's loan for Jewell Hill Station. We just have to go through this "housekeeping" process to ratify the precinct's formation and the bond vote in January to follow protocol. The Council has asked Ocean Bank not to penalize the Precinct if the amendment vote doesn't come until after the TAN deadline.

Chief Eldridge met with the MRI officials to go over the information MRI will be collecting, MRI will be sending all the fire department members a survey to complete. Completion of the survey is voluntary; no firefighter will be required to complete the survey if he/she doesn't want to.

Chief Eldridge reported the department had more call in May than in April. The department is about 50 calls ahead of the same time last year. There were no injuries or any major equipment breakdowns last month. G. Tucker has done some work on the OOS Booster System on the Rescue. The cost is covered by Mutual Aid. The fire department has been given a vacant building on Covered Bridge Road to use for training. The building will eventually be burned at a later date.

TB testing has been done for the department members and a CPR class is scheduled.

Chief Eldridge stated that the air quality in the Central Station's upstairs offices will need to be addressed in the near future. At the last department meeting, it was almost unbearable upstairs. Come summer, it will become impossible to work up there.

Jewell Hill Station - B. Streeter has put the new well in at Jewell Hill. It's down about 84 feet and produces 60+ gallons of water per minute. The water appears to be of good quality and at a later date it will be pumped out and samples sent for testing. Mr. Streeter will write up the paperwork to record the well at the Registry of Deeds. M. Ferland took pictures the day the well was put in. Mr. Streeter asked that no mention of his donation be put in the paper. When the Jewell Hill Station is completed a plaque will be placed in the station recognizing all those who donated their services.

Engine 3 - There has been quite a bit of interest in Engine 3, but no offers have been made to date.

Chief Eldridge asked the Commissioners to consider not taking the old Jewell Hill Station down unless it's necessary to the construction of the new building. It will be useful for storage until such time it is necessary to remove it.

G. Tucker reported he was invited to conduct a class for Operation Military Kids. This class is for military teens to learn skills for babysitting. It includes basic first aid skills. Glenn's children went with him and talked to the class about how they coped when their father was deployed. The directors of Operation Military Kids were very impressed and gave the course Glenn did very high praise.

Chief Eldridge said that 5 West Ossipee department members went to the Sonny English's internment. They were unable to deploy the flag on the tower truck as there wasn't enough room in the cemetery.

Six department members have expressed interest in forming a color guard within the department. Insignias will be added to their uniforms at minimal cost to indicate the color guard status. The color guard will be in the Ossipee July 4th Parade.

Dep. Chief Huddleston reported the West Ossipee Firefighters Association has started fundraising. They have 3 major fundraisers scheduled: Firefighter's Ball, Firefighter's Weekend at Danforth Bay Resort, and a Golf Tournament. The association now has a link on the fire department's website. The association is working on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Association and the Precinct. It will be ready soon.

Chief Eldridge stated that after the MRI Study is done, the precinct needs to review the precinct's southern boundary with Center Ossipee. Right now the West Ossipee Precinct has the whole of Ossipee Lake and all of the bays. He feels if the big lake was covered by West Ossipee and the bays were covered by Center Ossipee, response time would be shorter and it would be less confusing for the dispatchers. In the meantime, it was felt that a dual response by both departments would be best. The West Ossipee boat can only hold one extra person and the Center Ossipee boat can hold 3 extra people. Center Ossipee has their boat in the water and West Ossipee has to launch theirs. It was recommended by Commissioner Goss that a Standard Operational Procedure be setup for the interim. Commissioner Goss will check with Barry Rollins about a possible donation of a used outboard motor for a second boat. He also said he has an application for 2 boat mooring at Long Sands Road on Ossipee Lake and one could be used for the fire department's boat. Also, 2 EMTs are in residence at Long Sands Road.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42am.

Approved On: _____

Commissioner Joseph Goss

Commissioner Henry Ela

Commissioner Paul Jay