

West Ossipee Fire Commissioners Meeting
West Ossipee Central Station
Saturday, October 3, 2009

Commissioners Present: Joseph Goss, Henry Ela, Paul Jay

Others Present: Chief Brad Eldridge, Treasurer Ray Boutin, Jim Hurd, Up Country Heating, Mellisa Ferland, Don Eldridge

Minutes Taken By: Marilyn Bolduc

The meeting was called to order by Comm. Goss at 9:10 am.

The minutes from the September 19th meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to accept the minutes as written; passed 3-0.

Jim Hurd of Up Country Plumbing brought the contract for the Jewell Hill Station heating system installation to be signed by the commission. He was awarded the contract at the September 19th meeting. The contract was signed. He asked for a week's notice to prepare for the installation. When it is time to install the tubing for the radiant floor heating, he'd like to do it just before the floor is poured so there wouldn't be a lot of traffic over the tubing. Arrangements will be made for the payment of 1/3 of the contract total. Maine Gas is the propane supplier. Mr. Hurd stated that the gas line to the outside of the building is included in the quoted price.

Chief Eldridge stated that Morton Building should be done this week and J. Cyr will be back to after Morton leaves to finish the grade.

Treasurer Boutin reported to the commission the status of the 2009 budget. The insurance check for the thermo imaging camera should be here in about 10 days and a follow-up on the payment for special duty at the Sno-Cross with the Chamber of Commerce will be done. Review of the accounts found that a couple of invoices had been paid twice and now the precinct has the building bond, invoices paid earlier in the year from the general fund can be adjusted to the escrow account. It was reported that there is \$42,050.00 money remaining until the end of the year. Freight charges are high, all efforts need to be made to reduce the freight charges and to shop around for the best prices when possible.

The precinct cannot over spend their budget unless we get approval from DRA. This is a practice we do not want to get into. Approval must be obtained in advance so we must keep a close eye on the bottom line until the end of the year.

The manifest was reviewed. To ensure the invoices were applied to the proper accounts, the accounts numbers were noted on all of the invoices. The Verizon Wireless invoice should be the last one the precinct receives. All cell phones will now be through Nextel.

A motion was made to accept the manifest as adjusted, passed 3-0.

Chief Eldridge said that Morton Buildings will be looking for their second payment of \$53,730.00 this week when the walls and roof are finished, as per the contract. The commission advised Chief Eldridge to make arrangements with the bank to release the second payment. The final payment will be held until the building committee had inspected the building. A motion was made to make the second progressive payment to Morton Building and to hold the final payment until the building is inspected by the building committee, passed 3-0.

Chief Eldridge was asking if the precinct could bank the \$52,000 for the building voted for on the warrant in January 2009. The amount can be encumbered and rolled over into 2010. We need to check with the bank to see if the precinct will save interest if the payment is made early or if the precinct would be penalized.

Chief Eldridge presented a proposal from J. Cyr for Winter 2009-2010 precinct snowplowing. It was based on last winter's specs and reflects the increase of area to be plowed at Jewell Hill Station. It increase from \$4,470 from last winter to \$4,870 for this coming winter. The commission agreed that it was a fair proposal and a motion was made to accept J. Cyr's snowplowing proposal for \$4,780 for the 2009-2010 winter, passed 3-0. The precinct will pay Mr. Cyr as follows: 12/09 - \$1,200, 01/10 - \$1,200, 02/10 - \$1,200, and final payment 03/10 - \$1,270. Chief Eldridge will advise Mr. Cyr of the acceptance and have him provide current insurance information to have on file.

A motion to go into a non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) was made by Comm. Goss and seconded by Comm. Ela. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Comm. Goss - yes; Comm. Ela - yes; and Comm. Jay - yes. The commission went into non-public session at 10:50 am.

At 12:12pm the commission ended the non-public session and took a break until 12:27pm.

Chief Eldridge has checked with Michelle at DRA and the precinct can hold their precinct annual meeting anytime from January to May. Belinda Cullen told him the Budget Committee will start weekly meetings on December 16, 2009 at 6:30pm. If West Ossipee precinct has their budget ready, it can be reviewed that night. If it passes the Budget Committee on December 16th, then the West Ossipee precinct public budget hearing could be held on January 6, 2010. If the precinct budget clears the public hearing, then the precinct could hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2010. The possibility of holding the Annual Meeting at the new Jewell Hill Station was discussed. Chief Eldridge said it could possibly be done if response personnel were on duty at Jewell Hill Station. It would enable the precinct taxpayers and voters to see the new facility.

2010 Budget Discussion

Quotes to paint the rescue and tower trucks were as follows: Valley Fire (which is a more in depth job and included lettering and striping) was \$17,000. Timberline (which did not include lettering or striping) was \$15,000.

Snowplowing - as per the proposal presented earlier in the meeting.

Boat - Rivercraft is going to start charging for storage. They have \$2,400 in charges from tearing down the boat to determine the extent of the damage. They say salvage value is \$5,000. The insurance company says the salvage value is \$16,000 after the deductible. The appraisal value of the boat before it was damaged was \$30,000. Comm. Goss will meet with Chief Eldridge on Tuesday October 6th and they will talk with the insurance company and Rivercraft to reconcile the salvage value issue. Comm. Goss said the individual, who caused the rescue after he'd been told by Chief Eldridge to stay off of the river, will need to be charged to cover the deductibles on the insurance claims, the difference in the salvage value and the workman's compensation claim for Chris Tozer. A new boat that is more stable, more power output, has ballast tanks, and would include auxiliary equipment would cost \$36,000.00.

Air packs - MSA has a new plan which takes the precinct's existing air packs and upgrade them to the new standards. They do it on a lease over a period of time. Chief Eldridge has figures coming. The men want to stay with MSA packs. Changing the regulators is part of the upgrade. None of the bottles need to be "hydroed", the cascade is good, and the compressor is maintained by Mutual Aid.

Turnout Gear - Chief Eldridge would like to upgrade the Explorer's gear, but keep the gear a different so it's easily identified at a scene. Globe does not have a program. Janesville is willing to work with the precinct. The approximate cost would be \$1,200 per set and is looking at 10 sets. Firefighter gear is about \$2,000 per set and is looking at 10 sets.

Anything to do with the Explorer Junior Program will be under a new line item.

Pagers - 5 new pagers at \$600 each = \$3,000.00.

Explorers - 12 vests at \$50 each = \$600.00

Uniforms (shirts and pants) approx. \$200 per person

Firefighter - Uniforms 3 needed at \$1,200 each = \$4,000.00

Vehicle Maintenance - Paint and repair should be put under a separate article as Truck Refurbishment.

Rescue - \$2,500.00

Tower - \$5,000.00

Engine 1 - \$1,500.00

Engine 4 - \$3,500.00

Boat - \$500.00

Other (small equipment, ATV, other) - \$4,000.00

Subscriptions - \$1,000.00

Fire Prevention - \$400.00

Maintenance, Car 1 Tahoe - \$800.00

Maintenance, Communication - \$2,000.00

Hydrants - \$3,500.00

A motion was made to approve the firefighters payroll; passed 3-0.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 9 am, passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Approved On: _____

Commissioner Joseph Goss

Commissioner Henry Ela

Commissioner Paul Jay