

West Ossipee Fire Commissioners Meeting
West Ossipee Central Station
Saturday, October 17, 2009

Commissioners Present: Joseph Goss, Henry Ela, Paul Jay

Others Present: Chief Brad Eldridge and Mellisa Ferland

Minutes Taken By: Marilyn Bolduc

Commissioner Goss called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

Meeting minutes from the October 3rd West Ossipee Fire Commissioners meeting and the October 6th Joint Ossipee Fire Precinct Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes from both meetings as read; passed 3-0.

Mail Folder - A letter from Treasurer Ray Boutin was received.

Commissioner Goss made a motion for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a). It was seconded by Commissioner Jay. Comm. Goss - Yes, Comm. Ela - Yes and Comm. Jay - Yes.

The meeting went into non-public session at 9:10am.

The meeting reconvened in public session at 9:38am.

It was put into the public minutes that Comm. Goss tendered his resignation as commissioner. A motion was made and seconded by Comm. Ela to accept the resignation with regret; passed 2-0. Mr. Goss left the proceedings after he presented his resignation. Comm. Jay asked that a letter be drawn up and sent to Joe Goss thanking him for his years of service to the commission and the department. The commission apologies for any slights he felt. It was an honest disagreement and they could not vote for something they didn't feel strongly about.

A motion was made by Comm. Jay to show him as the commissioner of record, with Comm. Ela's permission, to replace Comm. Goss. The motion passed 2-0.

Chief Eldridge reported that Comm. Goss had talked with Rivercraft and the insurance company. The insurance salvage value included options that were not on the boat and was adjusted down. Figures were negotiated and the boat will be repaired. In order to save the \$875 delivery fee, Chief Eldridge will go to New York State to pick the boat up. The trailer will be repainted and new taillights will be installed. The department needs the boat for this winter water rescues and a new boat is not in the budget. The insurance company will pay Rivercraft directly minus the deductible. The sonar system (a \$449 cost) will not be replaced as it is not a necessary item.

The claim for the additional equipment lost on the boat is approximately \$20,000. LGC is getting back to Chief Eldridge this coming week on the status of the claim. The check for the thermo camera will be received before the end of the year.

All the department's cell phones have now been changed to Nextel.

Chief Eldridge asked for permission to switch over the department's landlines over to Time Warner Business Service. It will save the department \$500/year. The department will keep all of the same phone numbers. Telephone/cable/internet will now be \$110/month with free long distance.

Jewell Hill Station - The floor is graded. Chief Eldridge will notify Up Country Heating. The drains are in and everything that goes under the floor is in. The catch basins are in and they will have a pump. Extra hose connections have been put in so hoses will not have to be laid across the floor

The Building Committee is looking to put in a deep well pump. Brian Streeter will get us a pump for approximately \$1,200-\$1,300 and put it in the well.

The overhead doors will go in after the floor is poured. David Clancy will be doing the floor.

The lighting conduit is in the ground, the meter base has been inspected, and the breaker panel is in place. PSNH should be in this week to set 2 poles and put in the underground feed to the meter. John Picard will be loaning the department work lights to use until the permanent lighting is in.

Overhead Doors have the doors in stock and are waiting for the floor to be done. They are asking for a check to cover the cost of the doors. A motion was made to pay Overhead doors of Concord, \$12,000, for the station doors from the building fund, seconded by Comm. Ela; passed 2-0.

The building committee did the final inspection on the building. Everything was fine. One item, having the three entry doors being keyed the same, was not part of the spec. Morton will change them out to be the same the next time a man is in the area.

Comm. Jay asks that a letter be sent to Morton thanking them for a good job. Chief Eldridge said they left the extra lumber and steel to be used for the interior construction. On the last day of construction, the Firefighter's Association paid for a cookout for the Morton crew.

The Building Committee approved the final payment to be made to Morton Building.

The insurance on Jewell Hill has been updated to cover the new building. As the construction moves along, additional insurance will be added.

The inside walls and ceiling are finished and Chief Eldridge expects to be in the building in the next 30-45 days.

The Firefighters Association is looking to raise money for landscaping, a flag pole, and a monument for Jewell Hill Station and a flag pole for Central Station. They will present ideas to the commissioners.

Comm. Jay called for a break at 10:18 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 am.

A motion was made to table budget discussions; passed 2-0.

Comm. Jay and Chief Eldridge will have a budget work session meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 7pm at Central Station.

M. Ferland stated the precinct clerk needs to call Michelle Clark at DRA for our posting schedule in order to have the annual precinct meeting on January 30, 2010. Also, arrangements will have to be made with the Supervisor of the Checklist to have someone at the annual meeting.

Chief Eldridge said the ladder and aerial tests were fine. They took a sample of hydraulic fluid for testing. The tower is a little slow, but Brad will wait until the fluid test results are back before having Lakes Region look at it.

Comm. Jay stated he would talk to Ray Boutin about the monthly reports.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Approved On: _____

Commissioner Paul Jay

Commissioner Henry Ela
