

West Ossipee Fire Commissioners Meeting
West Ossipee Central Station
Monday, November 23, 2009

Commissioners Present: Paul Jay and Henry Ela
Others Present: Chief Brad Eldridge, Carl Huddleston, Mellisa Ferland
Minutes Taken By: Marilyn Bolduc

The meeting was called to order by Comm. Jay at 7:10pm.

The minutes from the November 10, 2009, meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to accept the minutes as written; passed 2-0.

Mail Folder - Morton Buildings sent the warranty papers for the new Jewell Hill building. A final assessment survey was also included. The building committee will review and complete the survey and return it to Morton Buildings.

Payroll for November through November 23rd was reviewed and totaled \$6,683.88. A motion was made to approve the payroll for payment; passed 2-0.

Chief Eldridge stated that the mutual aid call the department responded to on November 22nd, is a call the precinct can bill for reimbursement. He asked the commissioners for permission to proceed. A motion was made by Comm. Jay and seconded by Comm. Ela to invoice the party involved in the incident for 36 man hours of time for a total of \$748.00; passed 2-0.

The commission received a timeline from Attorney Slack posting and filing dates for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Comm. Jay requested that the information be posted both at Central Station and the W. Ossipee Post Office for the public.

Also received from Attorney Slack was information on posting for precinct offices up for election. The precinct can put notices in the newspapers or the precinct moderator may ask for nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Putting ads in the paper is very costly. Voting for each office can be done by either a show of hands or by ballot. Comm. Jay expressed that a ballot vote would be the best way to go.

Local Government Center has sent a check for \$7,635.00 This covers some of the damaged equipment from when the boat sank during a rescue.

A letter from LGC stated the property liability insurance has increased \$924.64. This increase does not include a increase for the new Jewell Hill building. Someone from LGC will be up in the coming week to appraise the new building. There will be an additional invoice for the increase in liability insurance.

A letter from the NH Association of Village Districts was received announcing a Joint Symposium on water district issues. Comm. Jay stated that even though the precinct doesn't have a water district, Chief Eldridge may want to attend the symposium.

A letter from DRA regarding the precinct tax rate was received. It gives the precinct a rate of \$2.14/\$1,000 valuation. A motion was made to use this information when adjusting the budget figures and only make the figure available after the town has accepted the tax rate; passed 2-0.

The tax bills for the precinct property were received. Central Station is assessed at \$190,000. Jewell Hill Station is assessed at \$78,600. That was a note attached stated that by April 1, 2010, Jewell Hill will be reassessed.

Printed copies of the final draft of the MRI Feasibility Study will be ready on Wednesday, November 25th. The Center Ossipee Fire Commissioners are having a work session on Monday, November 30th at 6:30pm. They have invited the commissioners and fire chiefs to come and review the report. The precincts will then meet with the Ossipee Selectman on Tuesday, December 1st.

Comm. Jay requested to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3 II(a)(c). Comm. Jay made a motion to go into a nonpublic session and the motion was seconded by Comm. Ela. Comm. Jay voted Yea and Comm. Ela voted Yea. The commissioners went into nonpublic session at 7:45pm.

At 8:21pm, the commissioners returned to public session. Comm. Jay announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session had been sealed .

2010 Budget

Comm. Jay stated he didn't want the precinct getting fuel from the Town fuel pumps. There is no way to track who is getting fuel and where it is going. Chief Eldridge is to collect and hold all gas and diesel keys. If fuel has to be gotten from the Town fuel pumps, Chief Eldridge must see it going into the vehicle for verification. Chief Eldridge will write up a policy regarding this matter and distribute it throughout the department. The precinct will not purchase fuel for any of the forestry vehicles. All fuel should come from the pumps at Troop E, the Wrights Express card or the Irving card.

2010 Warrant Articles

1. Audit - \$9,000 - The first year will be the most expensive. In order to receive Federal grant money, the precinct must have a recent audit.
2. Jewell Hill Station - Put in ADA approved bathrooms and a septic system; \$9,000.
3. Central Station - Upgrade bathroom to ADA standards, upgrade electric, repair roof, install carpet, and upgrade heating system; \$12,500.
4. Air pack upgrade, Hurst tool upgrade, and turnout gear replacement - Cost \$150,000 - obtain a lease to purchase option for 5 years. Yearly cost approximately \$31,000 a year and pay monthly.

Jewell Hill Construction - C. Huddleston stated the delay in construction put the project about 1% over budget.

Jewell Hill 2010 Building Payments - The precinct will not save any interest money if they pay all of the 2010 payments at once in January or make two payments over the year. Ellen O'Kelley suggested paying the January payment of \$10,373 and put the balance of the money in an interest bearing account until the July payment comes due. In 2010 the precinct will have to raise the January 2011 payment. The July 2011 payment and the January 2012 payments will be raised in 2011.

Chief Eldridge suggested that the air pack upgrade, the Hurst tool upgrade and the turnout gear could be a lease/purchase agreement. Chief Eldridge would then implement a rotating plan for turnout gear replacement.

Comm. Jay stated that the precinct would be look to replace an engine in 2012.

On December 12th, a company representative will be at the station with a demo Scott air pack for the department to look at.

Manifest - The manifest was presented. Each invoice was reviewed and authorized. A motion was made and seconded to pay the manifest as reviewed. Chief Eldridge said the invoice for \$500 from Bob Tiffany for Communications was part of the insurance claim and would have to be sent to the insurance company to reimburse the precinct.

Chief Eldridge reported the Chris Seamans has passed his Firefighter Level I practical test and would be taking his written test soon.

An EMT training class will be held at Central Station in January 2010. Matt Leavitt from Laconia will be instructing the class. Tentatively 3-5 people have expressed interest in the class. The cost is \$600 per person.

Jewell Hill - The well company will be at the station on November 24. John Picard is about half done. Mainegas should be in November 24 to begin their work.

The next meeting of the West Ossipee Fire Commissioners is scheduled for December 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm, Central Station.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.