

**Gilford Fire-Rescue
Board of Fire Engineers
19 April 2011**

The Board of Fire Engineers met in regular session on Tuesday, 19 April 2011 at 39 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.

Present: Chairman William Akerley, Engineer Don Spear, Chief John Beland, Deputy Stephen Carrier, Inspector Dana Pendergast

Excused: Engineer Philip Brouillard, Executive Secretary Catherine Tokarz

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0815 hours.

I. Salute to the Flag: All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adoption of Minutes: Engineer Spear moved to approve the minutes of 21 March 2011 meeting. Chairman Akerley made the second. Vote was unanimous.

IV. Budget Review:

A.2011 Budget Review: Chief Beland: Approximately 25% expended.

V. Activity Review: Chief Beland distributed the year-to-date activity reports and statistics.

VI. Apparatus and Equipment:

A. Truck Committee: Chief Beland reported the committee continues their work on specifications for the fire pumper. They will begin visiting other fire departments on Thursday to look at different manufacturers vehicles.

B. Utility 1: Front end work completed.

C. New Vehicle Purchase: As authorized a 2011 Ford Expedition has been ordered from Irwin Motors. Delivery is expected in 8-10 weeks.

D. Thermal Imaging Camera: The thermal imaging camera authorized in the 2011 budget has been ordered. Delivery is 6-8 weeks.

E. Fire Pump Service: We are in the process of choosing a vendor to service the fire pumps on the fire engines.

VII. Training:

A. Fire Training Facility: DC Carrier reported materials have been delivered and work days are being scheduled to continue the work on the project. DC Carrier has developed a draft use policy for the facility which is under review.

B. Training Update: Shift and Wednesday night trainings continue. DC Carrier is working with members who are not meeting minimum standards.

VIII. Fire Prevention:

The fire prevention division has been busy working with several occupancies.

IX. Other Business:

Annual Awards Night Review: Chief Beland highlighted the Annual Awards Night Dinner for Engineers Akerley and Spear who were not able to attend.

Leave of Absence Request: A six month leave of absence was granted to Call Firefighter

Brian Akerley.

Executive Secretary Injury Leave: Chief Beland reported the Executive Secretary will be out of work for an undetermined period of time due to an injury. Discussion ensued on how to best manage the duties of the position. Several options were presented. No action taken.

Road Projects: Chief Beland highlighted the improvements to be made to the 4-way intersection at Belknap Mt. Rd. & Rt. 11A. Chief Beland informed the Board he will be attending a meeting on the Rt. 11 Bridge project.

Chief Beland informed the board he will be leaving the state on Thursday morning returning on Sunday evening. DC Carrier will be on vacation beginning Saturday for one week.

Captain Balcom will be the covering officer for the two days the Chief and Deputy Chief are out of town.

X, Non Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (a): None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1000 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

John J Beland

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Fire Chief