

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

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

Present: Engineer Philip Brouillard, Engineer Don Spear, Deputy Stephen Carrier, FF. Scott Mooney, FF. Dominic DeCarli and Executive Secretary Catherine M. 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 June 2011 meeting. Engineer Brouillard made the second. Vote was affirmative.

**III. Budget Review:** The last budget summary dated 7 July was distributed. The Hydrant Installation & Maintenance Account is over expended. Engineer Spear made known a possibility of a new dry hydrant location on Schoolhouse Hill Road.

**IV. Activity Review:** Deputy Carrier distributed y-t-d call volume. Boat calls for emergencies have increased however overall calls are down from this time last July. New this year is documenting all treat & release incidents at Special Detail venues instead of consolidating all of these minor incidents into one.

**V. Apparatus & Equipment:**

**A. Truck Committee:** FF. DeCarli presented a brief review of the Request for Proposals for the engine to replace 8E4 which were received yesterday. Five of eight vendors replied. Vendors were allowed free rein to outfit the engine. The Committee will now study these proposals, scale down items to meet our needs and present their findings to Chief Beland. The last engine purchased was \$200K less due to the use of a commercial chassis. Some equipment on 8E4 is 25 years old. \$15 - \$25K has been allocated to update these items. Engineer Brouillard expressed his uneasiness that reflected across the board, of the concern of the current economic environment. FF. DeCarli assured the Board that the Committee will develop the best, most realistic proposal. A Lease/Purchase option will be researched.

**B. New Expedition:** 8Car1 has been painted. We are awaiting the completed contract before taking possession.

**C. Zoll Defib:** The new Defib has been placed on 8A1 and was used on a patient last week.

**VI. Training:**

**Fire Training Facility**

The Open House was held July 9, 2011 with a good turn out by administration, elected officials and the general public. Two live fire demonstrations were presented. All attendees were impressed with what was done and can be done in the buildings. Firefighters have the ability to not only fight live fires but to practice all other aspects of firefighting such as extricating and rescuing simulated victims, pull hose throughout the building as well as practice SCBA use. The layout of the buildings can be changed to

create new designs that extend the possibilities. When asked, Deputy Carrier said his personal opinion was that the FTF is even better than he anticipated and that the Fire Academy has contacted the Department to inquire about their ability to use the buildings. Fire Departments as far away as Bridgewater and New Durham have expressed interest in training here as well. There are three other FTF in the state located in the southern portion.

**Training Update:** Shift and Call Company training continues with increased participation.

**VII. Other Business:**

**Distribute Updated Town Policy:** A copy of the new Employee Town Policy was distributed. Engineer Brouillard expressed his position that he would have preferred to have reviewed it before it was implemented.

**VIII. Non Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (a):** Engineer Spear moved to enter into Non Public Session at 0843 hours. Engineer Brouillard made the second. Vote was unanimous. Also present was Deputy Carrier. The Board exited Non Public Session at 0850 hours. No action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 0850 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

*Catherine M. Tokarz*

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