

Board of Fire Engineer's Minutes

April 21, 2020

08:30 hrs.

Gilford Fire-Rescue

Meeting called to order by Engineer Lyman at 08:44 hrs.

Present: Chairman Akerley, Engineer Lyman, Engineer Spear, Chief Carrier, Deputy Ober, and AA Boulanger

Minutes of Previous Meetings – March 17, 2020

Motion by Engineer Spear to approve the March 17, 2020 minutes, seconded by Chair Akerley. Unanimously approved

Report of the Fire Chief

Activities

- Numerous conference calls:
 - NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management – M, W, F noontime calls.
 - Chief provided an overview of the flow of the meetings
 - NE Association of Fire Chiefs – Division of the IAFC.
 - Winnepesaukee Public Health Network.
 - LRGHealthcare Medical Director, Dr Josh Morrison.
- Picked up a PPE order in New Hampton – State supplied.
 - Gowns specifically as we were very low. Falling under a grant
- Participated in making a Covid-19 Emergency Management video with Dept. Managers.
- Conducted 2 rounds of Firefighter Interviews.
 - Virtually with Zoom
- Administered the Lieutenant's written test and Assessment Center.
 - Two outside officer Firefighters assisted with the process
 - One successfully completed
 - The remaining three will work towards obtaining the TSOR
- Made Conditional Offers of Employment to 3 future firefighters.

Budget

- 2020 Budget – Current copy distributed to the Engineers
 - No areas of concern. Vehicle Maintenance is up because of purchasing a spare outdrive for the Boat.
 - The boat has been out on three calls since going into service last Wednesday.
 - We do have a spare outdrive
 - Ambulance revenues will be affected negatively because of Covid-19.

Personnel

- 3 New Firefighters. 1 to replace Hanson.

Activity Log: January – March 2020 - 402 Incidents and April to date

- Reports provided to Engineers
- April we are projecting to do 123 calls
- At the end of March we were 24 incidents behind last year at the same time.

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- Covid-19 has had a strange effect on our call volume.
 - More people are in their homes all day.
 - We are not transporting the same percentage of patients.
 - We have had an increase in fire incidents.
- Building fire on Valley Drive. Bathroom ceiling fan. Smoke detectors.
- Building fire on Gunstock Hill Road. Attic fire. Still under investigation.
 - Captain Andrews and FF Zogopoulos arrived first on scene and was able to knock it back

Training

- Scaled back shift training.
- Conducted Call FF Orientation – limited scope.

Operations

- Bickford Road Dry Hydrant is back in service, due to winter damage.

Report of the Deputy Chief

Fire Prevention / Inspections

- Reports provided to the engineers
- March inspections are down
- Building permits are still being pulled for future projects
- Mechanic permits have slowed

Vehicle Maintenance

- A2 back on Wednesday from warranty paint repairs
- Forestry chassis pictures were viewed. Lift kit has been installed

EMT – No updates

Call Department

- Call company training has occurred on a limited basis

IT: No update

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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Other Business: - **Non-Public Session**

- Non-Public session to discuss the Hiring of 3 firefighters.
 - Nate Hanson's vacancy.
 - 2 new positions scheduled to start in June.

- **RSA 91-A:3, II (c)** *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

- *A motion to move into non-public session at 09:06 by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Engineer Spear. Unanimously approved*

- *A motion to move back into Public Session at 09:21 by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Engineer Spear. Unanimously approved.*

- *Motion to approve the hiring of Ryan Brown, Shawn Emond and Dustin Drew by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Engineer Spear. Unanimously approved*

- **Adjournment**
 - Motion by Engineer Lyman to adjourn at 09:25 am, seconded by Engineer Spear. Unanimously approved

- **Next Meeting Date:** May 19, 2020 @ 0830 hrs. Gilford Fire-Rescue

Respectfully Submitted

AA Charlene Boulanger