

Board of Fire Engineer's Minutes

June 15, 2021

08:30 hrs.

Gilford Fire-Rescue

Meeting called to order by Chair Akerley at 08:34hr.

Present: Chairman Akerley, Engineer Lyman, Chief Carrier, Deputy Ober, Town Administrator Dunn and AA Boulanger

Excused: Engineer Spear

Minutes of Previous Meetings – May 18, 2021 minutes on hold until July meeting

Report of the Fire Chief

Activities

- Conducted shift training.
- Breakfast meeting with Chief Beattie and Ret Chief LaChappelle.
- 2 NEAFCDIAFC Zoom meetings.
- State Covid conference calls.
- Walkthrough of Lakeshore Marketplace with the shift.
- Attended the Selectmen's meetings.
- Attended a wrap up presentation for the Advisory Board at the Huot Technical Center.
 - Fire-Rescue hosted two Huot Tech students.
 - Students presented daily for three weeks (9a-1030)
 - The students are currently in the Police Program and part of the program is too familiarized with how the fire department works.
- Participated in the Memorial Day Parade.
- Attended the Zoom ALS Breakfast training.
- Attended a Department Manager's meeting.
- Taught a class for Atkinson-area firefighters.
 - The current Fire Chief, Brian Murray is a part time employee
 - The town has about 35 calls a month
- Golfed in the Seacoast Fire Chief's tournament.
- Met with the Lieutenants to discuss the pros/cons/value of re-establishing a Captain's position.
- Attended the virtual NHAFC Monthly meeting.
- Conducted a TSOR Assessment Center.

Budget

2021 Budget

- Current budget report provided to all Engineers
 - Areas to watch: Call Wages, Physicals, Building Maintenance, and Heating Fuels.
 - Also: Vehicle Fuels, as prices continue to creep up.

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Personnel

- FF Remick has returned to full duty.
- TSOR Test – results have not been finalized.
 - Successful candidates will have to complete a Mentorship Program before they can act out of rank.
 - At this time we have two newly appointed officers that are processing through probation.

Activity Log: Report provided to Engineers

- January 2021 – May 2021:
 - 749 incidents. 85 ahead of last year
 - May was another record month of May – 175 incidents.
 - June to date: 64 Incidents. On pace for 128 incidents.
 - This would be a below average June.
 - Slow start to June.

Operations

- Dry Hydrant Testing
 - They are reporting some wild life around and near the dry hydrants
 - Swain Rd had some large rocks, that appeared to be toss as a result of vandalism
 - Discussions regarding a paved pad at Alvah Wilson
 - Beaver dams are still an issue
 - Attempts to remove both the dams and the beavers are ongoing
 - One beaver was trapped and relocated

Training

- All training going well
 - Shift Training
 - Call FF Training
 - Probationary

Report of the Deputy Chief

Fire Prevention / Inspections

- Reports provided to all Engineers
- Brief discussion regarding the Fire Prevention / Inspection report provided to the Engineers
- Beans and Greens and Gilford Village Store is under new ownership and planning for a few improvements
- Lake Shore Market Place has completed the installation of the new Fire Alarm
- Samoset propane usage/tanks has been discussed
- Coors Lite – Very close to complete, just waiting for the Kitchen Suppression System
- Timber Hill Farm is close to completion and are hoping to have their first function Saturday
- Laconia Cardiology is expanding the services and have assumed an additional suite on Hounsell Ave

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- There has been approval for two more boat storages on Old Lakeshore Rd
- Open discussion regarding The Dive; propane tanks, tank location, issues were noted on inspection. At this time there is no permission to operate.

Vehicle Maintenance

- Boat 1
 - Cam shaft issue.
 - This will be under warranty
 - The boat will be out of service for 3 days beginning of July.

EMS

- FF Scott Mooney has successfully completed the AEMT course and has secured his license.

Call Department

- 2 New Call Firefighters and a day student were interviewed
 - *A motion to approve the hiring of two new Call Members by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Chair Akerley. Unanimously approved*

New Business:

- Scenic Drive safety concerns heard by the Selectmen
 - There is a safety on the road is bad
 - There is new pavement
 - Driving over the speed limit on a regular basis
 - Open discussion regarding options
 - Blocking the entrance at Ellacoya to become a one-way street
 - The fire department is not favor of a one-way street
 - There will be a public hearing next week

Non-Public Session 09:41-09:54

RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

- *A motion to move into non-public session by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Chair Akerley. Unanimously approved.*

Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn at 09:55 am by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Engineer Akerley. Unanimously approved*

- **Next Meeting Date:** July 20, 2021 @ 0830 hrs. Gilford Fire-Rescue
Respectfully Submitted AA Charlene Boulanger