

Board of Fire Engineer's Minutes

May 18, 2021

08:30 hrs.

Gilford Fire-Rescue

Meeting called to order by Chair Akerley at 08:37 hr.

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

Excused: Engineer Spear

Minutes of Previous Meetings – April 20, 2021

**Motion to approve the April 20, 2021 minutes by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Chair Akerley.
Unanimously approved**

Report of the Fire Chief

Activities

- Attended a virtual meeting of the NE Assoc. of Fire Chiefs.
- Attended virtual meetings of the LRCC Paramedic Task Force.
 - Open discussions regarding a potential two-year associates with a one-year certificate
- Continued regular shift training.
- Conducted various inspections.
- Served as GFR liaison in the VP visit command center at Laconia Airport.
- Attended virtual meetings between the Dept of Safety and NHAFC.
- Attended a virtual meeting of EMS Chiefs and Concord / Laconia Hospitals.
 - Craig Clough has replaced John Prickett. John recently retired
 - Joshua Morrison, MED is no longer the Medical Director
- Participated in weekly COVID conference calls with HSEM.
- Sexual Harassment virtual training conducted by PRIMEX.
- Attended the Employee BBQ.
- Boat training with Group 2.
- Attended the Joint Loss Management meeting at Town Hall.
- Attended virtual ALS Breakfast training.
- Participated in a virtual meeting with Gunstock to discuss:
 - 2021 Hillclimb – Amateur Only
 - Trailfest – Two trails that cover over and around the mountain, for the foot race
- Attended a meeting with Bank of NH Pavilion staff and GPD
 - Discussions regarding the upcoming concert season.
 - 14 reduced capacity shows
 - July 17, 2021 back to full capacity shows
 - General Fire-Rescue staffing: three EMT/AEMT 1st 4000 attendees with the potential of one EMT/AEMT for each additional 2000 attendees
- Attended the virtual NHAFC Monthly Meeting.

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Budget

2021 Budget

- Current budget report provided to all Engineers
- Chief Carrier presented a brief overview of current budget
 - Call wages are creeping up at a faster rate than other lines.
 - We have a great group of call members that have joined GFR.
 - They are all very active with training and attending calls.
 - Heating fuels and Building Maintenance continue to be spent at a faster rate than other lines.

Personnel

- We expect FF Remick to return to work from Military Leave within the next month; although, we don't have an exact date.
- Many of the new Firefighters are nearing the completion of their Probation requirements.
- We have scheduled a TSOR test and interviews for a potential Captain's position. Not posted, yet.

Activity Log: Report provided to Engineers

- January 2021 – April 2021:
 - 574 incidents. Busiest first four months, ever
- May to date:
 - 62 incidents (5/14). On pace for 137. On track to be an above average month.

Operations

- Dry Hydrant testing is on-going.
- Air Trailer cascade system cylinders have been hydro-tested and put back into service.

Training

- Probation and shift training continue.
- Apparatus operation and pumping with new Firefighters.
- Boat training is ongoing.
- Call Dept training continues and has been well-attended by newer call firefighters.

Report of the Deputy Chief

Fire Prevention

- Reports provided and reviewed by the Engineers
- Brief discussion

Inspections

- Coors Lite VIP near completion
- Harbor Freight is having their grand opening

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Vehicle Maintenance

- Air tanks and air lines were replaced on Engine 1. Out of service for approximately 1 week.
- Car 1's exhaust was replaced.
- Forestry 2 – large mouse nest removed from heater. Vehicle de-odorized.
- Boat 1's starboard motor was stalling during training. The shift removed the fuel filter and found a fair amount of debris. Replaced it. Runs fine.

New Business

- Chief Carrier attendance at FRI July 23-25, 2021
 - *Motion to approve Chief Carrier for out of state travel to the FRI Conference by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Chair Akerley. Unanimously approved*

Old Business

- Reimburse Tim Johnson – LRCC Courses
- FF Johnson attended course at LRCC towards his Associates in Fire Science.
 - *Motion to approved the reimbursement of \$1000.00 to FF Johnson for classes attended by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Chair Akerley. Unanimously approved.*

Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn at 09:20 am by Engineer Lyman, seconded by Chair Akerley. Unanimously approved*
- **Next Meeting Date:** June 15, 2021 @ 0830 hrs. Gilford Fire-Rescue

Respectfully Submitted

AA Charlene Boulanger