

Board of Fire Engineer's Minutes

May 19, 2020

08:30 hrs.

Gilford Fire-Rescue

Meeting called to order by Chair Akerley at 08:33 hr – Teleconference Call

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings – April 21, 2020

Motion by Engineer Spear to approve the April 21, 2020 minutes, seconded by Engineer Lyman. Unanimously approved

Report of the Fire Chief

Activities

- Multiple conference calls: State – EMDs; Winnepesaukee Partnership for Public Health – MACE; LRMFA – Chiefs; NHAFC – DOS.
- Conducted a few inspections.
- Attended Selectmen's Meetings.
- Attended a Department Manager's Meeting.
- We have eased our public access policy to allow the public into our lobby.
- We are working with Gilford Rotary on a grant to buy Clorox Decontamination Sprayer units.
 - The Town will be purchasing 3 of these units, as well.

Budget

- 2020 Budget
 - No areas of concern.

Personnel

- FF Ryan Brown started on May 7.
- FF Zogopoulos was assigned to Group 1 on May 5.
- FF Sean Emond starts on June 2.
- FF Dustin Drew starts on June 4.
- All shifts will have 4 assigned. Minimum man at 3.

Activity Log: January – April 2020 - May through 15th

- Reports provided to Engineers
- We had our busiest April, ever.
- Still 21 incidents behind 2019 at the end of April.
- 60 incidents in 15 days. On pace for 124 for May. Would be close to average.

Training

- Dry hydrant testing
- Field burning (Rogers Field)

Operations

- GFR has established a dry hydrant Watson road. During local construction the pond was found to have a rotted/rusted pipe.
 - The excavator on site was able to assist with the repair at a minimal cost.
- We are working on solutions for heat in the boat.
 - Small defrosters installed over the winter are not adequate.

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- Looking at options including truck fans and a "Mr. Buddy" heater.
- Forestry is nearing completion in Indiana. Looking at shipping options.
- FF Skinner worked a deal with Lowes to obtain a washer and dryer for the upstairs living quarters. These will be used for uniforms and personal clothing, only.
- Both the electrical work and plumbing work were done free of charge.

Report of the Deputy Chief

Fire Prevention / Inspections

- Reports provided to the engineers
- April inspections are down
 - May has increased as we are able to meet with more people within their establishments
 - Assembly permits are being renewed, in the event everything opens up
- Building permits are still being pulled for future projects
- Mechanic permits have slowed
- Many establishments are opening outdoor seating

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:

- GFR will be converting from Verizon Wireless to ATT - FirstNet

New Business: None

- Approval New Call Member – Simoneau
 - *Motion by Engineer Lyman to approve the hiring of Alex Simoneau as a Call Member, seconded by Engineer Spear. Unanimously approved*
- Approval of Ambulance Stimulus Monies
 - *Motion by Engineer Lyman to approval to accept the Ambulance CARE Act stimulus payout in the amount of \$10,143.91, seconded by Engineer Spear. Unanimously approved*

Old Business: None

- **Adjournment**
 - Motion by Engineer Lyman to adjourn at 09:10 am, seconded by Engineer Spear. Unanimously approved

- **Next Meeting Date:** June 16, 2020 @ 0830 hrs. Gilford Fire-Rescue
Respectfully Submitted AA Charlene Boulanger