

**Gilford Fire-Rescue
Board of Fire Engineers
21 April 2009**

The Board of Fire Engineers met in regular session on Tuesday, 21 April 2009 at 39 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.

Present: Chairman William Akerley, Engineer Philip Brouillard, Engineer Don Spear, Chief James Hayes, Deputy John Beland, Fire Inspector Dana Pendergast, FF. Dominic DeCarli, FF. Jeffrey Madon and Executive Secretary Catherine M. Reitz.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0837 hours.

I. Salute to the Flag: All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of 19 March 2009 meeting were reviewed, motion to accept and were approved. Motion carried.

III. Budget Review:

2009 Budget: Year to date the budget is adequately expended. The only concern is the Overtime Account due to early vacations taken and unanticipated sick leave. There are no cost recovery capabilities for the Jaffrey incident. The by-laws of Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid and the State are being revised to take into account for long term incidents outside of the Mutual Aid area.

The budget print out had a calculating error in the total column.

IV. Personnel:

Call Company Status Three applicants, Jim Sanborn, (Driver/Operator), Jason DeCoff and Matthew Langley (FF Trainees) are in the hiring process with only the physical ability test remaining. Orientation will follow within 2 to 3 weeks. EMT Jessica Jolin was sworn in last week.

V. Apparatus & Equipment:

A. Engine 2: Lakes Region Fire Apparatus replaced the leaking pipe due to rust. The window regulator has arrived. The KME salesman, John Healey has been helpful in getting issues with Engine 2 resolved.

B. New Ambulance in Service: 8A1 is in service with good feed back from staff. The “punch list” has been completed. Sugarloaf has been attentive to any concerns. The lettering on the rear of the Ambulance needs an adhesive clear coat to protect the edges from peeling. Cantin’s repaired the steering issue.

C. Surplus Ambulance Disposal: The 1994 Ambulance was sold on E-Bay for \$3,126.

D. Forestry Truck Project: Forestry II is in service. Forestry I is still being reassembled at DPW. It is expected to be in service next month.

E. Fire Boats: “Snuffer”, 8B1 is in service. East Coast Welding fabricated a tower and mounted the radar unit. NH Marine Patrol has offered to train our staff on the new system. Scheduling training on duty was discussed as a cost saving method. A press release will be scheduled soon

to thank the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club for their donation of the Radar unit. Expected delivery of the new 8 Boat 2 is by April 30th. Adjustments will be made to the trailer to accommodate the larger size. There was no trade-in value on the old inflatable and will be disposed of through state surplus.

F. Other Vehicles: Car 1) the left front axel seal was replaced at Irwin's under warranty. Car 2 and the Rescue have new Interstate batteries which are expected to last longer. Glow plugs were replaced in the Utility.

VI. Training:

Town Administrator Dunn has helped secure the legal documents necessary for the High Angle Rescue training at the Airport Plaza water tower to be held May 3rd. This recruit class will be the first to train using the proto-type Skills Manual. Bomb Training with Jeff Dade and the Robot was held last week in preparation for the Emergency Preparedness for Gilford schools. Three Call Company members have completed Firefighter 1-A and have moved on to Level B. Dan Skafas and Brian Akerley are attending Firefighter II in Brentwood. FF. Thevenin interviewed at the Elliot Hospital this week as a requirement for Paramedic School beginning in August.

VII. Fire Prevention:

The Fire Prevention Code passed during Town voting however due to a procedural error outside this Department, the document did not get filed with the Town Clerk's office before the established deadline. The Selectmen voted to nullify the Fire Code. It will be included in the 2010 warrant articles.

VIII. Other Business:

A. Assistance to Fire Fighter's Grant: All items within this grant have been purchased. The balance of the funds will be used to purchase individual "bail out systems" for the Department. This falls within the criteria of firefighter safety.

B. Station Projects: Upgrades to the Kitchen/Day Room have been completed. Mark Mello of Gator Signs generously donated the Gilford Fire-Rescue letters for the front of the Station. These will be affixed so that if future repairs or painting is needed, they can easily be removed. The Engineers discussed the generosity of Mr. Mello and requested he be honored for his years of commitment to this Department. The garage door in the Basement under the Admin Wing will be removed. Inspector Pendergast will install a double panel in-swinging door to allow for better access. FF. Blanchette will installed 6 recessed lighting fixtures in the Training room at half the price expected. Buildings & Grounds budgeted \$1500 for Fire Station maintenance miscellaneous expenses. Unfortunately, due to the sprinkler pump freeze up this winter, most of that was consumed. Fire Department staff is either assisting with projects or providing all the labor for upgrades at a cost savings.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 0955 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine M. Reitz

Executive Secretary

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