

**Gilford Fire-Rescue
Board of Fire Engineers
18 January 2011**

The Board of Fire Engineers met in regular session on Tuesday, 18 January 2011 at 39 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.

Present: Chairman William Akerley, Engineer Philip Brouillard, Engineer Don Spear, Chief John Beland, Deputy Stephen Carrier, Capt. Michael Balcom, FF. Brian Blanchette and Executive Secretary Catherine M. Tokarz.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0820 hours.

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

II. Adoption of Minutes: Engineer Spear moved to approve the minutes of 21 December 2010 meeting. Chairman Akerley made the second. Vote was unanimous.

III. Budget Review:

A. 2010 Budget Year End: The 2010 budget ended with total expenditure of 99.24% leaving a balance of over \$13,000. Protective Clothing items were purchased and the existing Thermal Imaging Camera was upgraded. A new TIC was purchased from the 2010 budget. Capt. Balcom demonstrated the TIC. These cameras will be placed on Engines 2 & 4 and also in a staff car.

B. 2011 Budget Hearing: There were no questions related to our budget at the Public Hearing last week. The Deliberative Session is scheduled for 8 February at the High School.

IV. Apparatus and Equipment:

A. Utility 1: Irwin Motors diagnosed the problem with the Utility not being able to start in cold weather. The batteries were checked and glow plugs replaced for a cost of \$350.

B. Truck Committee: FF. Dominic DeCarli and FF. Jeffrey Madon will co chair the Truck Committee assembled to research the purchase of a replacement for Engine 4. They have distributed surveys to all staff to gain input in the design and application. Other members include FF. Scott Mooney, FF. Gary Wilson, FF. Robert Adams and both the Chief and Deputy. Other staff that has an expertise in particular equipment and operation will be a resource. Truck specs are due by the end of August 2011.

C. Other: FF. DeCarli is maintaining all apparatus and vehicles on a routine basis.

D. ARGO: The chains have been installed. Staff expressed their satisfaction with the capability of the ARGO useful for rescues on hiking trails and transporting patients.

V. Training:

A. Fire Training Facility: Due to high wind, a section of shingles at the top of the FTF has been damaged. This will require minimum repair. Chairman Akerley will donate hardware to secure all doors. Engineer Spear offered to donate a steel door.

B. Training Update:

VI. Fire Prevention:

A. Patrick's Pub Sprinkler System: Nothing new to report.

VII. Other Business:

A. Call Activity Reports: Chief Beland distributed incident statistics from January 1 through today. He will present this report to the Board each month. 2010 incident total was 1391 which is an 8% increase over 2009.

B. Annual Report: Chief Beland distributed a copy of the Fire-Rescue's annual report for Town Meeting.

C. Year End Review/Dinner Feb. 2, 2011 6pm: The State of the Department address will be held during the February 2nd Association Meeting here at the Station. Pot luck will be served prior to the address. Goals and objectives for 2011 will be presented.

D. Call Company: Chairman Akerley received a complaint that in general, the Call Company is not being productive. Capt. Balcom is in contact with several members who relate that various circumstances are affecting participation. Chief Beland stated that he and the Deputy will address this issue.

E. Annual Awards Night: The Annual Awards Night is in the planning process to be scheduled for April at the Gilford Community Church.

F. Payroll Deductions: Employees who were hired 2005 to present are required to pay 10% of their health insurance premiums. Employees hired before 2005 are on a planned increase to have their premiums catch up to the 10% contribution.

G. Signatures: Chairman Akerley signed two Payroll Status Change Forms.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 0902 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

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