

**NEWINGTON FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Meeting—February 2008 ***DRAFT***

The regular monthly meeting of the Newington, NH Board of Fire Engineers was called to order February 12, 2008 at 1900 hrs by Chairman Wilbur Goins. Engineer Ruth Fletcher, Engineer Steve Sabine and Chief Roy Greenleaf attended. Department secretary Sarah McQuade was present to record the minutes.

Previous meeting:

Engineer Fletcher moved to accept the minutes of the prior month's meetings with the addition of the word "employee" to one sentence under "New Hires". Engineer Sabine seconded. Unanimous.

Chief's Report:

Engineer Sabine moved to accept the report as written. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Unanimous.

Old Business:

The 2007 budget overage was reviewed and found to be just under \$5300.00.

New Business:

Vehicle maintenance—Assistant Chief Dale Sylvia stated that as a cost-saving measure, the Department wishes to begin having some routine maintenance done in-house by call department member and licensed diesel mechanic Frank Reinhold. Frank has agreed to do this work, such as oil changes, flushing radiators, etc. for his call department rate of pay (but as a vendor) rather than mechanic's rates. Assistant Chief Sylvia estimated the total savings at 2-3K per year. Some maintenance will still have to be done by National Wrecker, but a lot can be taken care of in-house at reduced costs. Frank will not be doing any maintenance on Truck 1, because that could void the warranty. Engineer Fletcher moved to have oil changes and other routine maintenance done by Frank Reinhold insofar as possible. Engineer Sabine seconded. Unanimous.

Work to radio console—Chief Greenleaf stated that the Selectmen are planning to remove the disintegrating asbestos tile in the kitchen and radio room as requested, but that the radio console would need to be moved in order to make that possible. That work will have to be done professionally due to the intricacies of the wiring. The Chief stated that he has discussed the estimate with Hackworth, and that his bid is likely to come in much lower than another estimate received from Mammoth. Lieutenant David Low took the Engineers on a tour of the radio room to explain the work to be done and showed them how the system will continue to function while the radio room is under construction, and what the set-up will look like afterward.

Fire alarm—The Chief asked the Board of Fire Engineers how they wanted to handle the issue of Lieutenant Low's overtime to work on fire alarm issues. For emergencies, Lt. Low will need to be called in on overtime, but for routine work, the question was put to the Board. Lt. Low explained to the Board that he feels it creates a safety hazard for him and potentially for the public to work on fire alarm in the bucket truck while being expected to respond on calls. He stated that he has been committed to saving the Department money as much as possible in his duties as the dedicated fire alarm technician and that he has good reasons for wanting to work on fire alarm on his off-duty days. Discussion on this issue was tabled; the Board requested that the matter be handled in-house.

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New Members:

Warrants for promoted members A/C Sylvia and Lt. St. Cyr Butler were signed.

Chief's Comments:

The Chief discussed the photo shoot that Survivair, the air pack manufacturer, was doing with the Department. He also stated that we have all positions filled and everyone in place, and everything has worked out nicely thus far.

Engineer Fletcher moved to go into Executive Session at 1955 re: personnel. Engineer Sabine seconded. Unanimous.. The session ended at 2008. Minutes are sealed.

Engineer Fletcher moved to adjourn at 2009. Engineer Sabine seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McQuade