

Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7pm at the Spofford Fire Station. In attendance: Steve Buckley, Wayne Guyette, Gordon Rudolph, Elaine Levlocke and Cathy Schlichting. Absent: Dave Thomas

1. Minutes from October meeting approved

Wayne Guyette made a motion for the meeting to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 IIc to discuss the issue regarding the recent social media postings. Steve seconded the motion and the open meeting was closed at 7:05pm.

Public meeting was reconvened at 7:15pm. Chesterfield Fire Chief Jeff Chickering addressed the recent social media posting that he felt publicly denigrated one of his firemen and he would like to request a public apology. Wayne explained that the situation had been handled by the Commissioners and the results would be clear within the next couple of days. He also asked that if there were further discussion the Commissioners would prefer that it be done at a meeting rather than outside in the general public. Chief Chickering said that he felt comfortable that the Commissioners had settled the situation in a way that was satisfactory to him. Steve Bevis wanted to make sure that Spofford personnel knew that they were always welcome at any training that Chesterfield was having and that the interaction between the Departments should be ongoing at a good level.

Wayne Guyette made a motion for the meeting to re-enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 IIc to interview the two candidates for the Chief's position. Steve seconded the motion and the open meeting was closed at 7:35pm.

The Commissioners reopened the meeting in regular session at 8:05pm.

2. Unpaid bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Payment to be delayed on the invoice for the heating system until Dave can look over the bill since he was the one who arranged for the repair work.

3. Old Business

- a. Tax Exempt Status: *nothing*
- b. Move the flashing lights on Rte. 9: *tabled until Spring*
- c. Dredge Pond: *tabled for this year*
- d. Stripping and refinishing floors: *tabled for this year*
- e. Channel Hydrant: *tabled for this year*
- f. Seal Parking Lot and Repair in Front of Bay Doors: *tabled for this year*
- g. Geothermal: *heat not working now – Dave will call Curt's Refrigeration*
- h. Clean File Room: *Will be done by the end of the month*
- i. Building Locks: *tabled for this year*
- j. Lightning Strike: *Gordon filed claim – waiting to hear from insurance*
- k. Budget: *review of last year's and 2015 proposed budget*
- l. Truck valve repair: *100% in service – repaired by Dept.*

4. New Business

- * *Discussion regarding replacing the fuel tanks on the Rescue Truck possibly from the Capital Reserve Fund*
- * *David Jordan is waiting on parts to repair the hot water heater*

** Chief's position is open again on January 1 – Commissioners have two candidates to interview.*

** Chris Babcock is no longer employed by Cheshire County, but will continue to work on grant writing opportunities*

Next scheduled meeting is December 15, 2014 at 7pm at the Spofford Station

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine H. Schlichting - Clerk/Treasurer