

## Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held Monday, October 19th at 7:05pm at the Spofford Fire Station. In attendance: Dave Thomas, Wayne Guyette, Steve Buckley, Michael Fuller, Steve Dumont, Chris Babcock, Tammy Rudolph. Absent: Cathy Schlichting.

1. Minutes from September 21st Commissioners' meeting were read and approved.
2. Unpaid bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Tammy Rudolph asked to address the Commissioners. Chairman Dave Thomas invited her to come forward. Tammy asked for an explanation on why her request to be reinstated into the Department was denied. Tammy said that her request to speak before the Standing Committee was also denied. Mike explained that the Standing Committee and Officers indicated that they did not want to have Tammy appear before them to discuss the issue further. Mike showed Tammy the emails that were sent to the Standing Committee and Officers. Mike Fuller was asked to explain the decision to her. Steve Dumont reviewed the run sheets to see what her attendance was for the previous year. Tammy wanted to know why other male members with lower attendance were promoted and she was asked to leave. Mike explained that there was another issue from the State regarding her State Provider's License and the State said that she was not licensed for a year. Tammy voiced that she thought that the way she was treated was wrong. The Department decision to not reinstate Tammy to the Department will stand.

### **3. Old Business**

- a. Tax Exempt Status: Nothing
- b. Move the flashing lights on Rte. 9: Have permit. Steve is working with Dan Coleman to get work done.
- c. Dredge Pond: Dan Coleman was supposed to come and look at the pond and see what can be done. Steve will check with Dan when he talks to him tomorrow about the lights.
- d. Channel hydrant: Spring 2016
- e. Seal Parking Lot: nothing new
- f. Geothermal: Dave talked to original manager of Earthlink to ask for recommends about what to do next. Also need to get someone here from the factory to discuss next steps. Dave turned it on at lunch. Heat seems to be working right now.

- g.Clean File Room: nothing done this month
- h.Credit card: Dave will have another copy signed by Mike.
- i.Generator Service: Wayne got a phone call that it has been done.
- j.Grants: Chris Babcock and Steve Dumont have been getting a lot of work done to update Dun & Bradstreet standing. Paperwork has been completed and can now move forward. Looking at what grants to apply for and what would best serve the Department. Possibly a grant for a new truck. Potential interest to host Regional Host Communications Grant. Mike did speak with Harry from Westmoreland and they would be interested in participating. Steve has looked into the State Driver Training Course and it's cost. Mike believes that CDLs should still be required. Members were given the opportunity to take the course 3 times and no one has done it. Mike will bring it before the next Chiefs' meeting. Could be included with grant. Might also be able to include cost of physicals. Cheshire is hesitant to give Mike a price because they are restructuring the pricing. Mike has a meeting to discuss cost.
- j.Vermont Yankee Siren: Still using it. Has been serviced recently. Should be triggered by first alarm or better.

#### **4. New Business**

- \*Wayne said that Amer Electric will be here this week to test fire alarms and smoke detectors. The sprinkler system should also be done. Wayne will get quotes for sprinkler system to be done. Dry system would have to wait until Spring.
- \*Mike presented bills and they were reviewed and approved for payment. PO Box number needs to be corrected.
- \*Mike reported that the application for the Forestry Grant has made it to the desk in Concord for consideration. Should have decision by the end of November. If awarded it would be spent this year on shirts, hose, helmets, hoods and forestry pump.
- \*Mike asked about using remainder of funding to upgrade cascade unit on Rescue. May buy one more SCBA. Would like to discuss options next month.
- \*Mike mentioned that last year when working on ice removal on roof there was an issue with flashing. Need to have someone come and evaluate and repair before cold weather.
- \*Wayne will talk to Pinney about air in the water lines. Urinal in one bathroom is not working.
- \*Shower curtains will need to be cleaned or replaced due to mold. Public does use the showers when there are power outages. Mike will purchase replacements.

\*Dave presented first draft of 2016 budget. Basically the same as last year. What else do we need? Waterhole Capital Reserve increased to \$4000 to cover work on pond. Catastrophic number will go down Mike wants to reinstate pump, hose, ladder and SCBA testing. Replacement values for trucks will be forthcoming from Bob Hebert so that figures can be updated for budget process. Small equipment figures also need to be reviewed to set budget.

Next Tuesday is the Budget Committee. Steve won't be able to attend.

Next regular meeting will be held on November 16th at 6:30pm at the Spofford Fire Station. Joint Commissioners meeting to follow at 8pm here.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted: Catherine H. Schlichting - Clerk/Treasurer