

Campton-Thornton Fire Commission Meeting Minutes June 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Morel at 1608 hrs.

Commission members present were Dan Morel, Niles Downing, Jim Demeritt and Todd Baldwin. Chief Tobine and Deputy Chief Halm representing the Fire Department.

The minutes from May 10, 2010 were read and approved.

Chief Tobine requested that the Commission enter non-public session to discuss a personnel issue per RSA 91-A:3 II(a). A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Jim to enter into non-public session at 1615 hrs. Niles and Todd voted in the affirmative.

Public meeting reconvened at 1620 hrs.

Old Business: Chief Tobine advised of the current prices for gas and fuel at the State pumps: gas= \$2.84 Max. Diesel: 2.65 (not locked in).

Chief Tobine requested the go ahead to suspend health insurance on the firefighter that has been out on disability for the past 18 months. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Dan to suspend insurance payments for this individual. This motion was approved by the Commission.

The department will be no longer obligated to hold the position of Firefighter for the individual that has been out on disability since December of 2008. The required 18 month period is up June 17 2010. The Chief would like to start the replacement process as soon as possible. The Commission authorized Chief Tobine to have the Town Attorney draft a letter informing the employee of his status.

Chairman Morel reported on his meeting with the Campton Selectboard regarding the issue of office space in the Campton station. It appeared that there was no real grasp of the urgency to improve the office conditions. No positive progress resulted.

Jim felt that we need to come up with some plans to enlarge the office and make a plea for donations and public assistance if necessary. The commission agreed and will review existing plans and modify to fit the needs.

Chief Tobine reported on the newly formed Swift Water rescue team. The organization has been named the Pemi Valley Water Extrication Team and chose Chief Tobine as Team Leader.

A letter is being sent to the Town of Plymouth BOS regarding their proposal for reimbursement in instances where a paramedic Intercept is requested by the Campton-Thornton Ambulance.

Niles discussed the Job Description and with a minor change and with the approval of the members present, will forward the change to the Department secretary to incorporate into the current copy.

New Business:

Chief Tobine has applied for several FEMA grants. #1 is for the purchase of 26 new pagers with the new frequency required by Lakes Region Mutual Aid System. He also applied for funds for a station generator.

#2 He also applied for a grant for a ladder truck.

Chief Tobine stated that they ran into a problem with an oversight regarding detail pay. The fees charged do not include the cost of various insurances and benefits. He states that we need to change the rate from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per hr. per firefighter or EMS attendant. A public meeting is required to change the rates of the fee structure. This meeting will be held during the next Fire Commission meeting.

Jim reported that there may need to be changes in the way the Commission approves the Manifests. Some discussion followed, but not enough info was available at this time.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Todd to adjourn. All in favor. Mtg. adjourned at 1708 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing