

Campton-Thornton Fire Commission Meeting November 12, 2008 Minutes

The regular monthly business meeting was called to order at 1700 by N. Downing .

Present were N. Downing, R. Giehl, T. Baldwin, J Demeritt, Chief D.Tobine, Deputy Chief I. Halm.

The minutes of October 8, 2008 were read and accepted as read.

The minutes from the non-public session October 8, 2008 were approved with corrections.

An unscheduled issue regarding the fuel contract with SAU# 48 was handled via phone on Oct 23, 2008 among the Fire Commissioners. The Campton Town Administrator felt it would be in the Town's interest to enter into an agreement for the heating oil contract if she could find a better price than \$4.39 that the town would pay with The SAU. The Commissioners authorized her to find a better price. And Chief Tobine was notified the next day. \* See follow-up under Old Business.

Old Business: Chief Tobine called Ann Marie to see what she found out about fuel prices during our meeting. She stated she contacted "Smitty's" and was given a price of \$2.99 cash price. She plans on going with that and the Commissioners would like to try find a company that would lock in a price. They felt that \$2.99/gal was still high, though a lot better than \$ 4.39 . Jim Demeritt was charged with calling oil companies so that the Commission could present the price to the selectmen.

The Town of Campton spent \$5771.43 on fuel last heating season (between 10-07-07 and 05-11-08 for the Fire Stations.

Todd Baldwin will check on propane prices for the Thornton station.

Chief Tobine announced that Dan Defosses has been hired to fill the full-time vacancy in the department. He is a member of the call department and has passed CPAT and is certified EMT-B.

The 1975 Engine was auctioned off for \$2250.00. The Town netted \$2025 after the commission to the Auctioneer.

New Business: The Budget- Chief Tobine suggested that we budget for a preventative maintenance agreement with Lakes Region Fire Apparatus that would include annual pump testing. This would cost about \$5,000.00. This could prevent some costly repairs and down-time in the future. The board agrees it would be wise, but left the budget line 4220.50 the same @ \$20,000.00 and will have Chief Tobine explain to the Selectmen about the preventative maintenance program.

The Workers Comp contract with Primex is up for renewal . The Board voted to sign the three year contract.

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Line Item 4220.04 Payroll- Other expenses: It was suggested by Becky Farnsworth that we budget \$2500.00 for unemployment insurance as we almost had a need for it and it would have been potentially costly. The board agreed to add \$2500.00 to line 4220.04

The Board voted to decrease the fuel budget from \$18,000.00 to \$15,500.00

The Board increased the weekend ambulance on- call stipend by \$1,000 ( 4220.02) which will increase the stipend from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per day per Ambulance attendant.

The board will meet with the Selectmen on December 16, 2008 at 1830, which will give us one more meeting on the 10'th to finalize the budget proposal.

Ambulance bills: Requests for write-offs- This month's total is \$3347.61 which include run numbers 08313, 08310, and 08319. These are hardship requests and were all approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the Chief.

No other business was presented, so it was moved to adjourn at 1800 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing, Secretary