

NVFD Monthly Business Meeting
February 4, 2007
Called to order @7:30

President Denny presiding.

Secretary's Report:

- January's Business Meeting minutes accepted as emailed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Accepted as presented.

LCD:

- The LCD Web site is up.
- The phone system is now working in the ad/min building.
- A new dispatcher has been hired.
- The low band issue being is being addressed.
- The recent LCD audit will be distributed to the various towns.
- Executive director applications have been received.

Chief:

- A motion to submit the department budget with capital expenditures as presented to the membership to the board of selectmen was approved by attending membership.
- I was notified on January 28th that American Lafrance has voluntary filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy that will help the company reorganize and return to manufacturing in 90 days. This prevents them from being forced into bankruptcy which ALF would then have no input in its future and would be unable to protect its customer's dealers and employees. ALF has been building apparatus since 1832. It has also had a series of ups and downs, several owners and has always come out on top. I hope the company will come out stronger than before but we will have to wait and see. I will keep you informed of our fire engines status as soon as I know.
- The Drakeville Fire Department is reviewing our request for mutual aid.
- The officer list has been updated if any one would like a copy please see me.
- We are in the process of purchasing updated software for pager and radio programming. If any one would like the Regional Rope rescue tones put in their pager see me.
- We have been added to the Lakeville Fire Departments preplan for Noble Horizons at 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury. Please review its location if you do not know where it is. A preplan drill is being planned for this summer.
- I know we have scheduled a lot of training out of town with our primary mutual aid departments. I have informed the officers that when ever possible to utilize department vehicles to transport members to and from this out of town training keeping in mind to maintain fire protection in town. I will also approve any mandatory classes that have been taken in other departments to satisfy our records. Please provide documentation of completion to Ted Hinman. We will however continue to try and provide as much training in house as possible but I would encourage members to train with other departments that we work with at emergencies.
- The officers have created a budget proposal for FY 2008/2009 the amount is \$89,381. Based on increases to current budget of \$71,031. Some of the increases are required due to equipment and maintenance cost. Others are administrative costs. The truck maintenance continues to be over budget each year this is the first "true cost" that has been since the catch up from engine 90 repairs. However it does not include any maintenance for engine 60 this accounts for \$4,800 of the increase. Equipment replacement for engine 60's out dated nozzles, hose and appliances anticipated for

Engine 40 when it arrives accounts for \$3,450 of the increase. We have added increase to the stipends to compensate those who work so hard behind the scenes this was a \$2,800 increase, insurance to cover the increase \$1,300 for VFIS coverage. \$2,000 for heating oil, \$1,500 in gas and fuel and two new line items Class A foam \$1,500 and mileage \$1,000 for out of town travel for department business such as LCD, Area chief's meeting and service of trucks. The three chief's alone have logged over 2,000 mile last year of out of town.

- We will also be requesting a extractor to clean turn out gear for \$6,500 it will be a joint project with us and the school. \$3,900 for two hose rolling racks and \$2,100 for a Knox box system for all three trucks and community awareness of the system.
- Finally I do want to thank all those who gave so much of their time last week during the numerous mutual-aid and in town calls.

Wardens:

- Engine 30 equipment/compartments were reorganized to accommodate the loaner rescue tool.
- 2 air packs are out for service.

Training Officer:

- 2/11 Air packs/Search teams, hose line advancement in buildings.
- 2/18 RIT (in Winsted).
- 2/24 Ice Rescue at wood creek.
- 2/25 LCD Presentation of "Plain Language" use.

Mechanics:

- No Report.

Fire Police:

- 4 members expressed interest in the traffic safety class.

Explorers:

- Officer elections were held.
- A letter requesting response curfew changes was discussed. A Post 952 by-laws change proposal will be submitted at next month's meeting.
- Post participation in the upcoming rope rescue course was discussed.

Correspondence:

- The Canaan Fire Company has arranged for bus service to Wolf Pack games. Information will be posted.
- Cub Scout Pack 33 spaghetti dinner is scheduled for 2/16. Information will be posted.

Old Business:

Building Committee: Finished drawings have been received and copies are being made. Bid requests are being prepared.

Truck Committee: See Chief's report above.

Insurance Committee: No Report

House Committee: 2 new coffee pots were purchased.

ATV Committee: The committee recommends a 2008 Polaris ATV @ \$1753.95. No action was taken.

- Accountability ID card information is needed from many members, See Richard for the appropriate form.

- Last month's by-law change proposal was approved.
- The board of trustees approved the purchase of 2 laptops and the gold leaf lettering for Engine 90.

New Business:

- A motion to cap the truck fund at \$100,000 was approved by the attending membership.
- Former Post 952 members Brandon & Billy were approved for membership.
- A proposal to change the NVFD By-laws Article IX Section 1 P2 as follows was submitted. Addendum: Any member not meeting department minimums after a period of two years shall be removed from the NVFD roster.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 9:02
Minutes recorded and submitted by Paul Padua.