

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Sept. 8, 2008

President Rowland Denny called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Secretary's Report

M/S/P to approve the minutes of August 4, 2008.

Treasurer's Report

Income was received, \$25.00 For truck fund
also \$150.00

expenses this month - \$9,850.09
checking balance - \$821.48
Air pack purchase -
ATV fund - \$10,089.13
Truck fund -
Spent so far - \$4,629.28 – 43% of budget for year

Recommends to remove monies from reserve CD to transfer 2500. To checking account.

Waiting for reimbursement from state for air packs

Tax form was sent in

M/S/P to approve the treasurer's report

LCD no report, did not meet last month

Chief's Report:

1. Received a letter dated August 27th from American LaFrance stating the new engine will be delayed once again until June of 2009. I met with the selectmen and with the officers and truck committee members to discuss our future with American LaFrance since this is our third delay in delivery of the new engine I have concerns of the aging fleet currently in service and that any future delays may hinder our service to the town. I have asked the committee with the concurrence from the selectmen to review updated proposals of the previous bidders for a different manufacturer and available stock or demo units. This review has all ready begun and the committee will be meeting this week with Seagraves and S&S Five star fire for a Sutphen new proposal. Keeping in mind that the delays from American LaFrance are beyond our control and that the

service life of our apparatus is exceeding their years of service. The information provided to me has been verified by the Director of Sales from American LaFrance just today. As we have been led to believe in the past delivery date could be moved up but as we have seen they have now been pushed back three times. My recommendation is to allow the committee to recommend to us a course of action to stay with ALF or change manufacturers, have the ability to secure or hold a stock or available unit with funds if necessary with the approval of the trustees. This will allow them to act and not miss an opportunity of an available apparatus due to recent demand because of the delivery delays of ALF. Then inform the department of their course of action at our next meeting October 6th so we can forward this plan to the selectmen for contract approval October 7th. Sales rep can't comment on whether or not there would be a surcharge if ALF order was cancelled. Daryl spoke with Sue Dyer, she sees no reason to hold us to original contract, the town is behind NFVD on whatever decision we decide to make as a department. The truck committee has discussed this in detail. The truck committee is looking at 3 different ways to solve problem, 1. Look at stock units, 2. Look at trucks already being made that are available, 3, resubmit a new bid with a new company. Vendors from Segraves and Sutphen will be at the firehouse this week to discuss their equipment.

2. Knox Box system to be installed 9/9/08 in E30 and E90. Only two units were purchased, out of capital funding due to increased cost of estimate and software. This month we will begin advising the current key holders about the system.
3. Adam Marchi is in FFI; Jeff Rydel attended and completed the tanker operations.
4. ICS 300 is available in New Hartford next two months this is a FEMA required course per NIMS for department officers. Any member interested in attending please let Matt know. Having members certified in ICS 300 is a requirement for FEMA grant funding by end on 2008. Dates will be on the online calendar.
5. E60 is having the brakes repaired tomorrow by Fleet masters. Brush 80 fuel pump has been replaced. A chain saw has been replaced by a new saw because the cost of repairs. The tie downs for the suction on B80 have been replaced.
6. Fit testing of air pack masks will be 9/22 please let me know if you'd like to be fitted for the new air packs as well.
7. Reminder if you drive your personal vehicle to the scene of an emergency please leave the vehicle unlocked and keys available in case it needs to be moved during the incident.
8. Thank you to the members who assisted with the tower site cleaning Sunday 8/31.
9. Please lend a hand to the parade committee if you can in preparation of the state convention 9/22.
10. Sandy Evans and Judy Ludwig have requested to change their membership from General to Fire Police. They have attended the training. Their request was received by me and was sent to the selectmen's office for appointment. That brings us to 10, the maximum number.
11. Storage unit at Travoligini's is not available for our use, cost of \$280.00 monthly, we can't afford that. Studebaker will remain parked in the shed. The department

just spent \$900.00 to repair it but it still can't be driven. Need to determine how much it would cost to repair it to make it road worthy.

Warden's Report:

Ladders have been switched on E30. Officers will discuss keeping the equipment running.

Training:

Below are the activities and drills for September . The State Convention is on the 21st in Cromwell, if anyone is interested in going let Tyler M. know.

Sept. 10 6:30p - NVFD Truck committee, Seagrave Rep.

Sept. 11 6:30p - NVFD Truck committee, Sutphen Rep.

Sat. Sept. 13 9a to 12N- NVFD Hose Testing (donuts/lunch provided)

Mon. Sept. 15 6:30p – NVFD Drill

Tues. Sept 16 6p - Slope Evac in Lakeville for Rope Team

Wed. Sept. 17 7p - NVFD Officers Meeting

Sun. Sept. 21 - State Convention in Cromwell

Mon. Sept. 22 6:30p – NVFD Fit Testing

Sun. Sept 28 10a – NVFD Drill

Mon. Sept. 29 6:30p – NVFD Drill

Some other dates coming up:

FIT-5 Live Training at the CFA in Windsor Locks

- October 8, 11a

Strategy and Tactics at the Sharon FH 6p-10p- John Field Instructor

- Oct. 21, 23, 28, 30

NIMS ICS300 New Hartford FH 7p-10p, prerequisite NIMS 100,200, 700

- Oct. 14, 16, 28, 30, Nov. 11, 13, 25

2Q endorsement class at the New Hartford FH 8hrs/day

- Nov. 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6

If anyone is interested in taking any of these classes please let Matt L. or Daryl know so they can register you.

Mechanic's Report: none

Fire Police:

They have been very busy
15 new traffic vests have been purchased
New flashlights will be purchased from Home Depot

Explorers:

Brody was elected assistant chief, voted to purchase 2 pagers which will be given to the department (new style) in exchange for 2 old ones in the department, they were very successful with summer fund raising. They will be recruiting for new members.

Correspondence:

Governor's office sent an official statement for Firefighters Day Sept. 6

Nodines Smoke house, will have an account there, NVFD will receive 25% of proceeds from anyone who purchases there.

Phone call from VW club asked to use parking lot for lunch on Oct. 19.
Redo on paperwork from dry hydrant system.

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:** bids came in for ambulance barn, over budget amount, selectmen and finance board will try to renegotiate
- **Insurance Committee:** were over billed by \$1,700.00, but we didn't pay the excess
- **House Committee:** nothing
- **ATV Committee:** nothing

Old Business: nothing

New Business:

M/S/P not to exceed \$900.00, pending trustees approval, to purchase a new refrigerator using funds from the Centennial fund, looking at 21/22 cubic ft. with capacity to hold case of water on a shelf, prices from J&B Appliances between \$700.00 - \$860.00

Next month will look into new copiers.

Need new frying pans, will be purchased by house committee.

Safety Data sheets need to be available. They are located on shelves in meeting room, with a chain on them.

Still in need of 2 mechanics, Letters will be sent to all members, per the by-laws to nominate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Judy Ludwig
Secretary