**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting-Goshen Fire House**

**September 4, 2019 7:00PM**

**Present:** Donald Sage (Commissioner), Seth Breakell (Commissioner), Tony Damiani (Alternate)

**Excused:** William Lane (Commissioner)

**Call Meeting to Order:** ActingChairmanDon Sage called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.. Newly appointed member Seth Breakell was introduced to the Commissioners. Seth was appointed by the BOS and will be filling Marty Connor’s seat until the November election. Alternate Tony Damiani was seated

**Reading of the Minutes**: The Commissioners read the minutes from the August 7, 2019 meeting

**IN A MOTION** made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage it was **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting as presented. Seth Breakell abstained. Motion carried.

The minutes from the July 3, 2019 meeting are tabled again.

**Fire Chief’s report**: Tabled till Chief’s return from fire call

**Fire Marshall Report:**  The clerk read the Fire Marshal’s report for August 2019.

**IN A MOTION MADE** by Tony Damiani and seconded by Seth Breakell, it was **VOTED** to accept the Fire Marshal’s report as read. Motion carries.

**Correspondence**: None

**Bills:** All qualifying bills and vouchers were signed. Discussion of bills took place as necessary. The clerk will deliver the bills and vouchers to the fiscal office.

**IN A MOTION** made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Seth Breakell, **it was VOTED** to approve and pay bills as submitted. Motion carries.

**Old Business:** A) Air Conditioner quotes-The Board of Selectmen approved the recommendation of the Commissioners to award L&L Mechanical the project. A letter was sent out to the bidding companies to announce the award.

**New Business: None**

**Other business to come before the Board**: A letter was delivered to the BOS asking for a waiver from the purchase policy and a purchase order for the SCBA units to be purchased from Firematic. This is the company from which all of the other SCBA equipment has been purchased and the Company would like to keep the equipment purchase consistent.

The Commissioners asked Erin to paint the garage door frames as part of her work as the independent contractor for the firehouse maintenance.

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The Fire Chief arrived and gave report:

The Company responded to 27 calls in the month of August 2019.

18 EMS, 2 Dive (Bantam Lake and Lake Waramaug), and 7 miscellaneous fire calls.

The Goshen Fair was successful for the Fire Company. There were minimal calls and the new gate seemed to work well for equipment to drive in and out safely. Peter Bernard did a great job handling the logistics of the Incident Command set up and making sure there was adequate EMS coverage for the weekend. Thanks to all who were available and dedicated their time to the Company during the Fair weekend.

There are a few handheld radios that are going to need replacing. The radios in question do not run on high-band and are antiquated in their technology. They also are not equipped with the emergency response button which alerts all to a member in distress. The emergency response button can be depressed by a downed member and the Company will be alerted and can respond to that member to help. This prompted discussion on the current purchase policy. Seth was brought up to speed on how the current policy works with the monetary tiers and the process involved at each level. There was discussion with the BOS, at one point, to have a member of the BOFC serve on a purchase policy review committee but no further action has been taken as of present.

Barry talked to Garret at DPW concerning the gravel and fabric paper laid by the company that finished the oil tank installation. The paper does not filter water well and during a heavy rain recently, the rain poured in under one of the doors in the oil tank area. Erin and Garret had spoken earlier in the week and Erin agreed to dig out the area to grade it below the door threshold.

**IN A MOTION MADE** by Tony Damiani and seconded by Seth Breakell, it was **VOTED** to accept the Chief’s report as presented. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly

Commission Clerk