

West Ossipee Fire Precinct Commissioners Meeting
West Ossipee Central Station
Saturday, September 19, 2009

Commissioners Present: Joseph Goss, Henry Ela, Paul Jay

Others Present: Carl Huddleston, Matt Welch, Chief Brad Eldridge, Glenn Tucker, Mellisa Ferland, Jim Hurd, Don Eldridge

Minutes Taken By: Marilyn Bolduc

The meeting was called to order by Comm. Goss at 8:09 am.

The minutes to the September 13th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written passed 3-0.

The first order of business was to award the heating contract for Jewell Hill Station. The proposals had been reviewed by the precinct attorney to verify they were identical to the proposals from September 6th. There was a difference in the size of the water tank, one was a 70 gallon tank and the other a 80 gallon tank. It was determined that the size of the water tank made no sufficient difference to the system performance. There was some different wording in the Up Country Plumbing proposal from the September 6th copy to the September 13th copy. It was determined that the difference in wording did not change the scope of the work or the quality of the product from the original proposal. Neither proposal had any changes in the price from their September 6th proposals. C. Huddleston, building committee member, stated he saw both proposals as equal in quality of product and scope of work.

A roll call vote to award the heating contract for Jewell Hill Station was called for by Comm. Goss. Results were: Commissioner J. Goss - Up Country Plumbing, Commissioner H. Ela - Up Country Plumbing, and Commissioner P Jay - Up Country Plumbing.

The heating contract for Jewell Hill Station was awarded to Up Country Plumbing.

Comm. Goss told Mr. Hurd that payment on the contract would be a third up front, a third once the contract is halfway completed, and the final third upon completion and acceptance of the work. Mr. Hurd was asked about the warranty on the burner. He said the warranty was the standard 10 years. Up Country Plumbing will start after Morton Building finishes erecting the building.

C. Huddleston presented the commission with an invoice from J. Cyr reflecting the higher material costs due to the delay in the construction. The increases are gravel - \$2137.50, fill - \$2250.00, and concrete \$3936.00. Mr. Cyr is requesting a payment after the fill is put in. There was also an invoice for the demolition of the old station of \$1200.00 which had not been included in the original proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the invoices from J. Cyr for payment; passed 3-0.

PSNH had given Comm. Goss a proposal to review and sign regarding street lighting paid for by the precinct. There are two payment plans to choose from, either 75/25% plan or 100% plan. Chief Eldridge suggest to put off any decision until the commission gets into the budget process. Currently, the pole costs \$987.00 and it can be paid for with monthly installments.

A motion was made to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 (a) (c). A roll call vote was call for by Comm. Goss. Roll call for going into non-public session: Commissioner Goss - Yes, Commissioner Ela - Yes, and Commissioner Jay - Yes.

The commission went into non-public session at 8:32 am.

The commission went back into public session at 9:05 am.

Carl West joined the meeting.

Comm. Goss asked M. Ferland how the precinct's accounting information was being transferred to the precinct treasurer. M. Ferland said the information is put on a zip drive and she also has a backup copy on another zip drive. She backs it up daily.

The Release From for Protective Well Radii from the Department of Environmental Services needs to be registered at the Registry of Deeds. Copies need to be sent to Mr. Streeter, and the Code Enforcement Officer.

Chief Eldridge said there will be not increase in insurance when the department license renewal comes due. There will be additional training costs to change from a first responder to a ALS unit. G. Tucker will need to know how many will be going through training for EMT-I for his 2010 budget. The course cost is about \$700/trainee. G. Tucker said he'll need to install a lock box in the rescue for drugs and some additional equipment for ALS.

Comm. Goss said there has been considerable growth in the department. The department needs to be broken down into subsections with supervisors. The supervisors will do the budgets for their subsections and review them with the chief. The chief will then bring the information to the commissioners. The budget workload is getting to great for one person to handle. C. Huddleston would cover the maintenance on the apparatus and G. Tucker would cover EMT.

C. Huddleston stated that the electric upgrade to Central Station needs to be addressed soon. There will be the need for heating and the current heating system is not safe to operate. Funds were approved for J. Picard to upgrade the electric and it needs to done before the heating system is changed.

Comm. Goss asked if any big expenditures were coming up. Inspection is coming due and cost looks to be around \$500.00. All the other large payments have been made for the year.

Airboat - The payoff on the boat looks to be around \$16,000. Yankee Watercraft is getting a price quote for us on a more stable boat. Rivercraft is getting back the Chief Eldridge about the salvage value on the submersed boat. Due to poor service and the lack of a boat design that is stable, Chief Eldridge would like to see the a replacement boat similar to the Yankee Watercraft boat that has better floatation and side to side stability. Where the replacement boat exceeds the insurance payment, Attorney Slack needs to review the information and advise us how to proceed. Time is of the essence as we need the boat for this winter's ice rescues.

The commission asked for figures to upgrade the heating and electric at Central Station be available for the October 3rd meeting so a decision can be made.

Comm. Jay asked how C. Tozier was doing. He did not know that Chris had been injured in the water rescue. M. Ferland said he was doing fine. He is having physical therapy and it does not look as if he'll have to have surgery.

Budget discussions will start on October 3rd. Be prepared for a long day.

Chief Eldridge asked if the commission was going to put the snowplowing out to bid. There will be additional area to plow at Jewell Hill. The last time it went out to bid, there was a very low response. The commission said to get a price from J. Cyr, who is presently doing the plowing, for the October 3rd meeting. After reviewing his price, the commission will make a decision whether to put it out to bid.

MRI is supposed to be done with their study by the end of the month. Hopefully, the precinct will have a copy of it to review before they are done with the budget process. The commissioners would like to discuss it at the joint precinct meeting October 6th at Center Ossipee Station.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.

Approved On: _____

Commissioner Joseph Goss

Commissioner Henry Ela

Commissioner Paul Jay