

RUMNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2013

Commissioners: Jim McCart, Terry French, John Bagley
Chief David Coursey
Firemen: E. Hacker, F. Simpson, C. Spring, G. Easson, N. Coursey, S. Coes
Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Jim McCart opened the meeting at 7:02.

Minutes of February 12, 2014 were approved as written.

Forestry/Utility truck: Bids for painting the truck have been received as follows:

\$3135 Walts Auto & Marine – paint, repair, letter and undercoat

\$3700 Kelley's Auto Body – paint only

\$3900 E1 – paint only

The Chief suggested they accept Walt's bid and he would talk with him, make sure the price would be good in the fall and get that fact in writing. Discussion centered on the need for a deposit or pay up front for parts. Terry F. stated Walt would hold the price and Frank S. stated he would not purchase paint now for use months down the road.

Frank had a price of \$1600 for a steel bed, but would shop further for a better price.

Sam C. questioned the tires and the need for a good tread tire for off road use. The tires presently on the truck are good tires. Dave stated it was not for off-roading and had a dual purpose as a utility truck. Sam questioned access to some fire locations. The truck will have the equipment but will not have the off-ground clearance to go into the woods. It was decided to evaluate tires in the spring.

John B. reminded Dave to be prepared for questioning on this truck renovation at town meeting this week.

Dave C. asked Nick to purchase four batteries for E3 and change them so as to avoid any problems on the road such as they have had in the past.

Thermal Imaging Cameras – Still talking with sales people, comparing units and pricing.

Benefit breakfast - \$1860 was raised and after expenses \$1500 will be presented to the Shortts. The reporter for the Record Enterprise is coming on Wednesday at 10:30 am to photograph the Chief presenting the money to Chardell Shortt. Bill Shortt is happy that he has been able to save some items from the remains.

Two people have submitted applications to join the department – Dana Carter and Thomas Bentley. At 7:45 pm Terry F. made a motion to enter non-public session, per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) seconded by Jim M. and agreed to by all. At 8:00 pm Jim made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Terry and a 3-0 vote followed in the

affirmative. Dana Carter was approved on a probationary status and Thomas Bentley was not.

Jim questioned if there was a procedure where the Chief could get some fuel for his vehicle under the town's policies. John B. suggested the 55 cents a mile approach or if his plate number could be added to the list of allowable vehicles. The Chief will check with Anne regarding the best possible way to achieve this.

Gary E. told the Commissioners he has a repeater (or booster) he could install in one of the trucks that would allow for cell phone service regardless of their location when on a call. The price is \$250.00 for the unit and he would install it. It is a good idea, but was not included in the upcoming budget. Figures will be reviewed to see if can be done.

At 8:15 pm Ray Valentin joined the meeting – Chief Coursey asked if the training for EMS and fire could be blended and if the fire fighters and Explorers could review the equipment on the ambulance to enable them to be “gophers” when on a scene. Ray stated the Squad and Speare Hospital are in agreement to allow joint training including the Explorers. EMS is set up for apprentices – not Explorers – and there is an age requirement for that. Dave stated if the fire and EMS are toned together, it would be nice to work together. Ray stated the firemen can do as they have been trained. There is new protocol being put in place as of April 1 for EMS and he is being trained on it. By May they should be able to have a joint training session.

Ray had further information on the thermal-imaging camera and said Argus would be in next week with a camera. The Bullard has a three year payment plan with the medium camera costing \$11,995, the small \$5,257 and the large \$13,999. ISG is the most versatile with a cold check ability. ISG only makes the camera and they have a rock hard price – not sure if it is negotiable, and they have dependable service. Bullard is heat only.

Ray stated he has a website built and asked if the department could have its own with a link to the town site. The cost is \$120.00 a year. John made a motion to go with the department's web site, seconded by Terry F. and voted in the affirmative.

Chief Coursey thanked Jim McCart (not seeking reelection to the Commissioners) for his time and service while serving as a Commissioner. He further stated that as second in command of the department, he expected him to attend the meetings and stay on top of what was happening within the department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk