

Rumney Fire Department
Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
September 11, 2014

Commissioners: Terry French, John Bagley, Tim Lewis
Fire Chief: David Coursey
Clerk, Diana Kindell

Chairman Terry French opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the August 8, 2014 meeting were approved.

The insurance available through Boy Scouts of America was discussed as it will cover the Explorer activities – primarily the monthly breakfast. The event coverage available through the Primex Tulip program was reviewed as it provides affordable coverage for the ice cream social and the ladies' plant sale. It was decided to use this program as needed.

Budget – the 2015 proposed budget was reviewed in detail. Chief Coursey relayed information he had just obtained from Lakes Region Mutual Aid regarding replacing the CAD system at the dispatch headquarters. They were unable to obtain a grant for this as LRMA had no Capital Improvement Plan in place. They are presently creating this plan and all departments will be required to pay \$500 up front to establish a reserve fund. The replacement of the CAD system, including all furnishings, will be done mostly on borrowed money. They do have some monies available, but will borrow the additional necessary funds to do this job. There will be an additional \$1200 per year for a five (5) year period to pay off the loan from all the departments. There will be an open meeting for town officials on October 7th at Lakes Region Community College to explain what is happening, answer questions and be open to suggestions.

Another issue discussed was the radios and pagers which were purchased through a grant over 10 years ago. Grants are no longer available for these and the equipment is becoming obsolete. The department will budget to replace one or two units per year to update all units. Motorola (which all the equipment is) has come out with a new unit and will no longer support the older units. Other manufacturers will also be checked out for pricing, service and compatibility during a change-over.

Terry questioned the Capital Reserve Fund for the truck and if it was going to cover the cost of a replacement engine. Due to Federal mandates, the price of fire trucks has doubled in the past few years. It was suggested the annual dollar should increase from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and hopefully be able to offset any further increases in pricing.

A warrant article should be prepared to repave in front of the fire station. There is a scale in the lip there from the railroad depot that needs to be removed. Prices need to be obtained for this project.

The new highway truck is close to being finished and delivered to the town. A hearing to allow the fire department use of the F550 being retired should be held soon. This truck would be outfitted as a forestry/utility truck for general use at various scenes as well as have the forestry equipment on it. The Chief will speak to Anne as to when the hearing can be held.

The Chief will propose a benefit breakfast to the Explorer Troop for the Haven Little Scholarship Fund. The fund is in need of donations to maintain the scholarships that have been awarded as well as to maintain the fund.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk