

Board of Fire Commissioners

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April 27, 2010 Commissioners Workshop

Workshop began at 7:02 pm.

Present were: Commissioners B. Chouinard, Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite, Secretary Petkus, Treasurer J. Bishop; Chief Lant, D/C's G. Gibbins, Davis, Ellsworth, King; A/C Bogardus; various officers/members of the district.

1. **Approve Minutes:** March 23, 2010 Workshop Minutes.

RESOLUTION #99 TO APPROVE THE MARCH 23, 2010 WORKSHOP MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to approve the March 23, 2010 workshop minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

2. **Secretary Update – Joyce Petkus:**

- Noted again list of members who did not sign for District Manual updates.
- Partial deployment of Firetracker/LOSAP changes has been made. Stressed again the importance of not deleting anything from Firetracker without her knowing, as she recently found out she had screwed up a report in Firetracker when she deleted something last month. Firetracker was able to fix it. Commissioner Spackmann noted he recently made some changes to Firetracker; Joyce suggested talking after the meeting about the changes.
- Handed out report regarding 2010 physicals and fit tests to Commissioners, Chief and D/C's. Brief discussion; Joyce to notify the officers of those members who do not have appointments scheduled and their access to be turned off and they are inactive until physical completed. Chief Lant suggested the Deputy Chiefs contact their people to remind them to make their appointments this week.
- Needs to know who is going to the AFDCA Spring working at Thomas Corners on May 22nd. Also need resolution with permission for Treasurer to cut check to send registration in. Commissioners Kugler and Spackmann, Treasurer J. Bishop, P/A J. Chouinard and Secretary J. Petkus to attend.

RESOLUTION #100 GIVING PERMISSION TO COMMISSIONERS KUGLER AND SPACKMANN, P/A J. CHOUINARD, SECRETARY J. PETKUS AND TREASURER J. BISHOP TO ATTEND THE AFDCA SPRING WORKSHOP AT THOMAS CORNERS ON MAY 22, 2010, AND PERMISSION FOR TREASURER TO SEND PAYMENT.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give permission to Commissioners Kugler and Spackmann, P/A J. Chouinard, Secretary J. Petkus and Treasurer J. Bishop to attend the AFDCA Spring Workshop at Thomas Corners on May 22, 2010, and permission for Treasurer to send payment.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

3. Purchasing Update – Jill Chouinard:

- Not present. Commissioner Kugler noted that the only thing we have is the air bottles, received Captain Bullard's emails. Captain Bullard handed in the credit application and explained that credit needs to be established and the account needs to be switched over direct to the factory. First On Scene will still be the dealer but they will get paid direct through the factory instead of the other way around. Also needs new PO; P/A J. Chouinard to take care of new PO and Treasurer J. Bishop to handle credit application.

4. Treasurer Update – Jean Bishop:

- Would like resolution with permission to pay LC Insurance and Dick Snyder for the defensive driver courses.

RESOLUTION #101 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY FOR THE 2010 DEFENSIVE DRIVER COURSES.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay for the 2010 defensive driver courses.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

5. Commissioner Updates:

- **Bryan Chouinard:**
 - Nothing at this time.
- **Don Kugler:**
 - SCBA bottles: worked up the numbers and with the other order of bottles a permissive referendum is needed for an additional \$12,000.00 out of the Equipment Reserve Fund to pay for the bottles, have gone way over line item.

RESOLUTION #102 TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND \$12,000.00 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND TO PAY FOR SCBA BOTTLES.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend \$12,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund to pay for SCBA bottles.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Co #3 would like to increase their membership limit; they handed out 3 more applications tonight and are almost at max now. Brief discussion; Commissioner Spackmann asked about the technical state law. Secretary Petkus noted she looked in the law book and the only thing she could find regarding membership is that you can only have 45% of your membership living out of district. If the Board directs, she will call Bill Young and ask as well. Change to go back to by-law committee to amend the by-laws to read 60 members per company and 7 16-17 year olds. By-law committee will be meeting Thursday, added to May meeting agenda.
- **Tom Robarge:**
 - Commissioner Robarge questioned Chief Lant and the Deputy Chiefs how discussions with the officers are going with regards to the reorganization of the fire district; no one answered that there were any discussions. Commissioner Robarge noted he was curious because Commissioner Spackmann's email to Robert Hyndman noted this subject was on his agenda and currently being discussed amongst the officers in the district. Chief Lant noted that there was a meeting here one night about re-organizing the fire district but not into separate districts. Commissioner Spackmann noted there were a lot of things discussed at that meeting. Chief Lant noted there was discussion about 5, 10 and 20 years from now. Commissioner Robarge asked Commissioner Kugler if he had spoken to Commissioner Spackmann over the winter time about the possibility of Maple Avenue going out on their own; Commissioner Kugler noted he thought it was probably through a district re-organization type of thing. Commissioner Robarge commented that at the last meeting he asked if these meetings had gone on and he was told no. Commissioner Spackmann noted that was not what he was told. Commissioner Robarge asked if they were going to set up a meeting between Terry Hannigan and Commissioners Spackmann, Kugler and B. Chouinard. Commissioner Spackmann noted that at one point there was discussion about that and it never happened. Commissioner Robarge wanted to make sure that was in the minutes and everyone was aware of it. Chief Lant noted he told everyone to let things lie. Commissioner Robarge noted he felt like he has been misled, not sure about anyone else, but if he is the only one then you can set him straight. Commissioner Spackmann noted that he was

asked by Commissioner Robarge two weeks ago about a meeting about separation and there never was a meeting about separation. Commissioner Robarge asked about Maple Avenue going out on their own. Commissioner Spackmann noted there was a meeting about reorganizing the fire district into four separate districts or entities. That is what he spoke to Commissioner Kugler about over the winter and that is what they have been working on and this is all part of the things he started back in December when he was re-elected about this whole tax focus, about this whole investigation he has going on. His email to Mr. Hyndman was one of a few in addition to many discussions he has had with taxpayers across this district. Commissioner Spackmann commented that there absolutely was discussion between Commissioner Kugler and himself, not really with Commissioner B. Chouinard and he did speak briefly with the officers when they met that one Sunday about a variety of different things. Commissioner Robarge asked if he was ever going to share this with the rest of the Board; Commissioner Spackmann noted it was on his agenda for tonight. Discussion continued regarding things that were previously said, things that Commissioner Robarge was told and the different answers from different people. Commissioner Robarge noted that he had asked if these were being discussed and was told they were rumors, when in fact they have been discussed. Commissioner Spackmann noted that he did not know who Commissioner Robarge spoke to but the people who were involved he never went and talked to. He further noted that he has spoken with Commissioner Robarge over the past couple of months about a variety of different things including Porter Corners situation and possibly closing that station, about LOSAP and in addition to those things he noted that back in December he spoke to a variety of people including Mr. Sadousky, and has since started doing a lot of investigation about the fire district and its tax rate specifically and some of the ways to cut corners. He felt that everybody agrees that we can do a much better job at cutting costs and try to give a little bit back to the community. One of the things brought to his attention was the idea that the town tax rate for the fire district is the same as the town tax, and that took him a little off guard. He further noted the following:

- Took a look at LOSAP; it is 10% of the budget, there are mixed feelings about it. According to D/C Ellsworth, Co #3 has obviously benefited from it with increased membership, but the other companies probably have not seen that kind of membership turnaround. Felt that it was kind of a mixed bag, to get rid of LOSAP; Co #3 suffers because they have very much benefited from the program but he is not entirely sure the other companies have.
- Looked at the issue of the next truck being purchased, Co #1 stick. There are a lot of people who are split on that. Some people do not believe we need 2 ladder trucks – there are a lot of people who don't think we even need 1 ladder truck in this district. 284 was brought up, is that truck needed, it is a specialty truck.

- Had a meeting with the Maple Avenue officers and asked them if we were to reorganize how would Maple Avenue fare? One thing that came up was that they may need paid drivers at Maple Avenue in the daytime. That concerned him because there is a membership problem across the district level especially in the daytime. Is it fair for the portion of the Greenfield residents to pay tax dollars for paid drivers at Maple Avenue, he is pretty sure that would not be a very popular idea.
- Spoke with a councilman after last month's meeting who informed him it is very widely known that a lot of people don't like the ladder truck, don't like the fact that Wilton has anything do with Greenfield and vice versa and that would mirror a lot of discussions he has had with people too. He noted that Greenfield and Wilton are very different from each other. He also noted that the issue with the word *separation* is that in the past it historically has had a very negative context, it has always been brought up with some political issue with the Board or equipment or something not going the way some group thought it should, but that is not the case now. The district is working pretty well together for the most part and he credits the Chief and officers for that. At the end of the day there is this issue of trying to do things better in the District.
- Closing Porter Corners firehouse; had a discussion with someone last week who dared him to be strong and go down that road and run things like a business. He took a lot of heat for this, and his previous comments had been skewed that he doesn't care about something 15 miles away, which was not the statement that was made. Commissioner Spackmann further commented that they had 40 calls last year if you take away mutual aid to the other companies, and he believes in January and February they ran one call. How much money could you save, probably more than a million dollars if you start adding things up. He spoke to Commissioner Waite about this, whose comment back was that it was not fair to the taxpayers in Porter Corners. He went on record two weeks ago that the last thing he wants to do is act like a bean counter living in Wilton and making a business decision that closes a firehouse 15 miles away from him that he is not intimately involved with. He questioned whether it was the right business decision to make and he is not willing to make it himself.
- LOSAP: looked into getting rid of it, one of the things brought to his attention by someone who is a retired worker in the comptroller's office is that the current LOSAP plan in the District may be illegal because we treat each company differently in terms of how we calculate points and it is all one tax base. If you look at it from a call volume perspective then everybody would have to make the maximum of one company, for example Maple Avenue, then you eliminate Middle Grove, Greenfield and Porters for the most part, and is that fair to the other companies.
- Trucks: D/C Ellsworth had previously brought up the idea of having the Town work on our trucks and that by the law municipalities can't bill other municipalities except for parts; but is that fair because they are

fixing Maple Avenue trucks even though they are Wilton trucks and they are not paying Greenfield highway tax dollars so they are getting the mechanic work for free.

- Referenced the email he sent to Mr. Hyndman and others, just to prove a point between the Wilton – Greenfield identity issue, he is the “newly re-elected commish from Wilton” who has had an epiphany about the tax rate here in Greenfield. That is an example of the issue with the two towns. Certainly throughout the years there have been issues on the Board and throughout the district of business decisions that have been made simply because of the way the game is played.
- When you start looking at all of these things, the true issue is systemic; it is the diversity of this district itself. The question is would it be a good thing to reorganize the fire district into separate entities? To answer Commissioner Robarge’s question, should it be four, his answer is he doesn’t know. If we were to do something like that, it is not his decision, it is the Town of Greenfield’s decision to decide how they want to carve up that section, it is not his decision as a Wilton resident. He does have some personal opinions on the best way to do that.

Commissioner Robarge commented that Commissioner Spackmann’s opinions certainly are his, but at the end of the day he does not feel Commissioner Spackmann was forthcoming at all, he was asked about this and he denied it time and again saying they were rumors, but they were not rumors, they in fact did happen, and to him it was not being truthful. Commissioner Robarge noted that you need to be honest and forthright especially with your fellow board members and he felt Commissioner Spackmann was not. Commissioner Spackmann noted he was sorry he felt that way, but when someone asks him is Maple Avenue separating from this fire district the answer to that question is absolutely not. Commissioner Robarge questioned the idea of four fire districts, with five Commissioners in each district, 4 secretaries and 4 treasurers, and that is going to save a lot of money? Commissioner Spackmann noted you could do a variety of things, and when someone asks him if Maple Avenue is pushing for separation the answer is absolutely not. This whole issue here has not once been discussed at the company meeting at Maple Avenue, he has not discussed this at all with any of the general membership at Maple Avenue and he does not plan to. Commissioner Robarge again pointed out the email noting it was discussed with the officers and yet none of the officers seem to be aware of it; Commissioner Spackmann again noted it was briefly discussed on Sunday night, as well as a variety of other things. Commissioner Robarge noted he felt that everything needs to be anonymous. Commissioner Spackmann noted that now that he has clarified this, if he feels he was mislead, he apologizes for that, this has not been discussed at Maple Avenue, there is not some grass roots from Maple Avenue that wants to separate like there has been in the past, that is not what is happening, this is something that he himself has looked into and investigated.

FF Jack Atwell noted that as a taxpayer sitting here listening to this, this reorganizational thing to save money is ridiculous, because if you broke this down

into four fire districts Porters would be lucky to afford a brush truck, we all realize that, they have no tax base, this whole thing is smoke and mirrors to get the Avenue to separate because we all know that half the budget comes out the Town of Wilton, and separating into four districts, one would get half the money and the other three would be struggling to try to stay in existence. He has lived in this town his whole life and been a member here almost 50 years; he has been through secessions with Maple Avenue since he was Chief 35 years ago and that is all this boils down to. He looks at the budget every year and he knows there is a problem with cash flow but dividing into four districts, or even two, is not the answer to a cash flow problem. Commissioner Spackmann noted if you want to be straight up and forward, if you look at apples to apples of every other company in this district who runs calls comparable to Middle Grove, Greenfield Center and Porters Corners, they get by on much less than these three companies would have if you reorganize it any way, shape or form. If you look at Gansevoort, they run 200 calls per year and their budget is about \$180,000.00; Middle Grove runs about 260-280. If you took 50% and created 4 separate fire districts, he does not have the figures, but this isn't necessarily about money and it certainly isn't about the secession of Maple Avenue. Mr. Atwell pointed out that almost 50% of this year's budget was put in reserve accounts and why; Commissioner Spackmann noted that was an issue and it was because the vision of the truck committee was to put forth more money to buy more trucks sooner rather than later in the hopes of cutting costs later on down the line and reducing the fleet. FF Atwell suggested that reducing the fleet now would save money and then you wouldn't need to put so much in reserve accounts. Commissioner Spackmann asked which trucks do you get rid of; Mr. Atwell suggested that the Board sits down with the Chief and the officers and tells them to get rid of four trucks, they can decide and if they can't the Board does. Commissioner Spackmann noted that the business decisions in this District have not been very good across the years; FF Brian Gibbins noted that he and Jack have sat on the Board and the way to do it is to keep saving the money until you can write a permissive referendum and it takes an act of Congress to beat a permissive referendum. Commissioner Spackmann noted that this is what he has been working on since January, why does Wilton have anything to do with Greenfield and vice versa. We are talking about the same thing here; maybe we disagree on how we should go about fixing that but that is what he has been working on. Is it fair to Maple Avenue and the Wilton portion to be denied a piece of equipment that by a public non-partial investigative report said that that piece is needed, while other people said no it is not needed. Commissioner Robarge noted to Commissioner Spackmann that his question is why did he decide that this should be between himself, Mr. Kugler and Mr. Chouinard to sit down with an attorney that isn't even our attorney? Commissioner Spackmann noted they did not sit down with him, he spoke with Terry Hannigan one on one via phone but he never met with him. Commissioner Robarge commented that the three of them entertained the idea and thought about having a meeting with that attorney, please correct him if he is wrong; Commissioner Spackmann noted he ran it by both of them, he was asked to set up a meeting with that attorney. Commissioner Robarge asked why he would

leave the rest of them out of it, he thinks it is a great thing to talk about, there are some great ideas. Commissioner Spackmann again noted that there is no grass roots movement at Maple Avenue, this is something that he has been working on, not the officers, they discussed all the items in the email except apparently that last item when they met on Sunday. Commissioner Spackmann also pointed out that the email also noted to please come to the meeting because we are going to talk about it at the meeting. Commissioner Robarge noted that Commissioner Spackmann wanted Mr. Hyndman to come to the meeting but he didn't care about the rest of the board members' opinions because they were not told about it, but he cared about Mr. Hyndman's opinion. Commissioner Spackmann commented that it was premature to talk about it and it should be discussed amongst us and the rest of the administration and that's why the meeting with the attorney never happened. D/C Davis noted that the whole ladder truck deal the officers agreed the truck was needed and the board screwed it up when they went to vote for two ladder trucks in the district, if we would have kept our mouths shut and purchased the new truck that would be a dead horse. FF Brian Gibbins commented that the dollar figure broke the backs of the taxpayers because it was a very poor year, and look at our budget we used to work on \$50,000 and now it is \$1.3 million. He further noted that things are being bought that are redundant, there are stacks of air bottles, gear up the whazoo that we don't need, we are buying gear faster. During the last budget process he asked to cut some of the stuff back, the taxpayers are getting overburdened with purchasing stuff. The economy tanked and now we are backpedaling because the taxpayers are getting it stuck to them; four years ago the Board should have had the foresight to stop this stuff and control spending and get it down. Commissioner Spackmann noted that unfortunately if you look at the business decisions across the years and they haven't been the best and the reason for this is that the Commissioners are elected by the firefighters and for the most part if a Commissioner doesn't do what is perceived to be done then they are voted out of office, so there is a lot of politics because there are many hands in the cookie jar. FF Brian Bishop commented that Commissioner Spackmann needs to please stop saying Wilton resident, he is a representative of the Greenfield Fire District, please do not play Wilton and Greenfield against each other, do not continue to perpetuate it, he is an elected official of the Greenfield Fire District. D/C Ellsworth noted that after listening to all this, this discussion probably would not be happening tonight if Commissioner Spackmann had sat down with the entire Board and presented his ideas and got some input from the whole Board. Sitting here tonight it seems like he and two other board members did some back room stuff and did not include the other two, and it looks bad. Whether Commissioner Spackmann thinks it is right or wrong is his opinion, what he is saying as a person sitting out here listening, it just looks bad. A/C Ed Petkus hit the nail on the head when he recently said the first three months of this year were fantastic, a lot got done, and then all of a sudden there was a bomb dropped and Commissioner Spackmann dropped the bomb, and he did not have to do that if he had just included the two other Commissioners. D/C Ellsworth further noted that every time the Board does not come together it is no different than the officers, it creates a problem. He also

felt it looks bad when Commissioner Spackmann says that he went to another lawyer. We have a lawyer for this District, he should be used, that it what we pay him for. The Board needs to come together, discuss things and get on the same page because this District is not looking good right now, and stuff like this from the Board members makes the officers and all the companies look bad, and he can only imagine what is going to be discussed at the next officers meeting. Chief Lant noted that last week at the meeting Walt Chandler spoke about the ladder and that angered him, so after the meeting he explained to Mr. Chandler about the mall area, how much fire and school tax they pay, and that benefits the whole Greenfield Fire District. The Chief also noted that he had received a phone call that he is the ring leader behind this whole thing, and blamed Commissioner Kugler for starting the rumor. He got another phone call saying that they heard that Porter Corners is going to make sure that they get two representatives to beat the two guys, Commissioners Kugler and Chouinard, and get them off the Board so next year they can throw Maple Avenue out of the district. The Chief noted he is not for it, and wants all this put to rest, we are getting along, and to move on. At the first officers meeting he talked about leadership and that these rumors need to end, all it does is tear us apart. Fire district business should be kept in the fire district. All he ever hears is that taxpayers are complaining, but he never sees them here at meetings. Commissioner Spackmann disagreed, as well as with D/C Ellsworth, he did not go to another lawyer to hire him, he was referred to him to talk about the process of what we could do to reorganize the fire district, he was just researching different ideas. FF Ron Bishop commented that he felt that none of this would have happened if it hadn't been such a secret, if Commissioner Spackmann had been up front with all the Commissioners, we would not be having this problem. Commissioner Spackmann agreed that it was probably a mistake, but he was just doing the research. He further commented that just because taxpayers are not showing up at meetings does not mean they are not concerned. FF Brian Bishop asked the Board regarding this issue, how do they move on, is a committee going to be formed? He suggested possibly having some representatives from each company as well as the officers. He also noted that he thought dividing the district into four different districts is ridiculous.

- **Ken Waite:**

- Regarding the LOSAP issue, he will fight it if they ever try to drop it. As far as taxes, he remembers a couple of years ago Commissioner Spackmann sat there when he was worried about the ladder saying they could charge that much for taxes so lets raise it a little bit so don't worry that it's high now.
- Co #2 contract for the downstairs: committee from Porters has looked at it and Complete Construction at \$57,180 is the low bid.

RESOLUTION #103 TO AWARD BID FOR CO #2 MEETING ROOM FLOOR REPAIRS TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION, TOTALING \$57,180.00.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to award bid for Co #2 meeting room floor repairs to Complete Construction, totaling \$57,180.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Fire Police radios: GCBA wants to help, and fire police needs 6 radios and feels we should let the GCBA help. We could use all the help we can get, it would be better for the community. Called to get prices and had them sent to Jill. Added to the May meeting agenda.
- D/C Ellsworth noted he had spoken to Commissioner Waite regarding the sheet that was left in 281 in reference to the radio, Commissioner Waite is handling it.

6. District Guideline Review:

- Harassment & Discrimination Policy: no changes made.
- Sexual Harassment Policy: no changes made.

7. District Projects

- Current Projects:
 - Co #2 firehouse construction update: Commissioner Waite noted that regarding the outside work, Chris Shaver will be sending people up to do some measuring, and the outside bid is being worked on and he will have it to us as soon as he can get it to us. Added to May meeting agenda.
- Future Projects:
 - None.

8. Special Topics of Discussion:

- **Chief Lant presented his report:**
 - Handed out quotes from KME regarding the hose bed covers for the rest of the apparatus. Noted the cost will be approximately \$14,655.00. Work on 273 will be \$10,105.49. The tank will be about another \$6,755.15. All three figures together equal about \$31,515. 271 hasn't been done yet. Lengthy discussion continued; Chief Lant asked the Board for another \$54,000 from the reserve fund to get all these things done and get it over with. The Chief noted he hates to keep sounding like a broken record but we should have started all this three years ago when the report was done. Treasurer J. Bishop noted that they went over budget the last time by about \$77.00. Commissioner B. Chouinard noted he is disgusted, we talk about saving money and yet here we are talking about spending fifty thousand dollars more. The Chief commented it is to make the apparatus safer for our people. Commissioner B. Chouinard noted he is all for safety of the people, but for 65 years

we have been running trucks down the road with no tarps on them and to spend all this money on second line trucks we are going to try and get rid of in another 2-3 years, he just doesn't know. Chief Lant noted they have lost 5" hose so many times in this district. He further noted this should have already been done, that we always wait and let things build up and then blow our corks about it. Commissioner Spackmann noted that there are a lot of things that we need to look at in the future of this District. D/C Davis noted that the consultant stated that we needed these tools mounted, it is a safety issue, like the Chief said this is stuff we should have been doing, we are all guilty. Commissioner Kugler noted that the money being taken out of the reserve fund is money being taken away from the next truck purchase. Brief discussion continued regarding getting hose covers and/or mounting tools on the second line trucks. Commissioner Kugler noted he is in favor of getting the hose covers and this is a one time deal to get these things straightened around, from a safety standpoint we should do it.

RESOLUTION #104 TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM WITH WITHDRAW AND EXPEND \$60,000.00 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND FOR THE MOUNTING OF EQUIPMENT ON THE DISTRICT APPARATUS.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to advertise a permissive referendum with withdraw and expend \$60,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the mounting of equipment on the district apparatus.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Asked Commissioner B. Chouinard to set up another fitting for uniform exchange. Commissioner B. Chouinard commented that the last time they did it only 3 guys showed up. He further noted that the badges have been ordered and they should be in either this week or next week.
- Co #2 battery chargers: D/C G. Gibbins noted he is working on it.
- Chief Lant asked about the phone/fax on the rescue. D/C G. Gibbins noted it was \$358; he will contact Jill about it.
- Commissioner Kugler noted that Co #4 softener has been installed, has anyone been checking the water down there? It was noted there are still black flakes in the water, they will keep on eye on it, if anyone notices anything let Commissioner Kugler know.
- FF physical classification system: the Board is still waiting to hear back from the officers; tabled to May workshop.
- Chief Lant noted that at the Defensive Driver course at Maple Avenue,

Commissioner Kugler asked Mike Smith to leave the room because he had not signed up; Chief Lant noted he signed up with D/C King, and he thinks the if the Deputy Chief signs off it's okay. He further noted he thought Mike was still angry and he should not have been treated that way, he has been a member 47-48 years and felt the Commissioner should send him a letter of apology even if he was only kidding. Mike Smith is a great personal friend of his, has done a lot for this District and Maple Avenue and now he's about to quit and it bothers him that anybody should be treated this way. Chief Lant further noted that this place was running smooth until Commissioner Kugler came home from Florida, that he is not happy unless there is turmoil, when people are getting along Commissioner Kugler doesn't like it. D/C Davis commented that he would go on record agreeing with that.

- FF B. Gibbins noted an issue with Firetracker, 2009 did not close out and the calls are added to 2010. Joyce noted that if he scrolled down to the bottom in his personal account, he would see the total; she noted if he had time after the meeting they could log onto Firetracker and look at it together.
- Captain G. Bullard noted the AFG is now open until 5/21, and it is worth submitting something.

9. Special Reminders:

- Aerial Ladder Testing
- Pump Testing

Joyce noted she added this new section to the agenda because as the Board has been moving toward annual maintenance of different things, she has been putting them on her calendar as reminders that they are coming up again and someone needs to take care of it. Brief discussion; Chief Lant to speak to John at KME and take care of scheduling the aerial ladder testing and Joyce to get three quotes for pump testing. The Chief also noted the ladder truck is due for its first annual servicing.

Clark Hayward present at the request of District EMS Coordinator Justin Burwell, who is out of town. FF Hayward noted that they have had two meetings so far with all the EMS coordinators. Trying to solidify the pilot program for recertification for EMT's, working on solving some issues that have come up recently. Chief Lant asked if everyone is involved in these meetings; FF Hayward noted yes. Chief Lant then asked why Duane Bogardus hasn't; FF Hayward noted he has been and A/C Bogardus noted he was at the first one but the second one he couldn't make, and was not aware that FF Hayward was filling in. Chief Lant commented that he was not aware of this either. FF Hayward noted that Captain Burwell just called him and asked if he would fill in at the meeting, and he'd certainly take it up with him; the only thing he was asked to do was come to tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Kugler asked if D/C G. Gibbins was aware of the conflict this past Saturday with the meeting room; D/C Gibbins noted he handled it.

Chief Lant noted that last Sunday they had a search in the back of the firehouse, glad they extended it because the next morning they went back up there. Would like to get 6-8 Posted, No Trespassing signs to put up at the back of the property. Commissioner Kugler noted he would have the purchasing agent get some.

Motion made by Commissioner Robarge with a second from Commissioner Waite to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Spackmann with a second from Commissioner B. Chouinard to adjourn the workshop at 8:35 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Petkus
District Secretary