

Board of Fire Engineers  
Town of Dover Fire Department

Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Dover Fire Station  
One Walpole Street  
Dover, Ma. 02030

Attendees: Engineers Carlton J. Sherman, Ford Spalding & John Sugden  
Chief John M. Hughes III & Deputy Chief David Tiberi

Also Present: Richard Tiberi, Joe Melican (Selectman) & Peter Smith (Warrant Committee)

The Board of Fire Engineers held its monthly meeting in the Fire Department Chiefs office at 5:45 PM.

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of February 3, 2009.

The Board reviewed and approved the Department expenditures for the month of February 2009.

There has been no action on the agreement to house an AMR vehicle in the station. The issue is being dropped until we hear differently.

Pete Sherman read the letter the Board sent to the Selectmen concerning the need for water in the center of town for fire fighting purposes.

Pete Sherman distributed the wording received from David Ramsay concerning Article 15 which will permit the departments personnel to obtain Health Insurance from the town program at the employee's expense.

Pete Sherman reported that the Warrant Committee is requesting a 2% (\$11,150) overall decrease in our FY 2010 operating budget. The Board and Officers discussed this request. Chief Hughes presented the following options:

Fire Department Lieutenant pay \$2,774.36 – This position has not been filled  
Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance \$5,000  
Ambulance Training & Education for new personnel - \$1,057  
Ambulance Professional Services \$1,883

After much discussion the Board unanimously agreed to reduce the budget by \$2,774.36. The Board voted 2-1 to not reduce the Budget by \$11,057 because of the potential negative effect on personnel and equipment. The Department does not have control over the number of calls it has during the course of a year.

Selectman Joe Melican asked a question related to the new open trench law. The Department is aware of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ford Spalding, Clerk