

Spofford Fire & Rescue Precinct Commissioners' Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024 – Spofford Fire Station

Present: Evan James Deutsch, Commissioner Chair; John Forester, Commissioner; Rob Hodgkins, Commissioner; Brendan Kiniry, Fire Chief; Tammy Bischof, Treasurer; Fran Shippee, Selectmen's Representative and Jay Gaudry, Clerk

Call to Order

Evan James Deutsch called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Visitors

David Jordan

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 25, 2024 Commissioners' meeting were distributed via email and hard copies were available at the meeting.

Evan James Deutsch moved to approve the January 25, 2024 Commissioners' meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Rob Hodgkins. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills and Correspondence

Bills and invoices were distributed for the signatures of the Commissioners.

Old Business

None at this time—we will table until later in the meeting if needed.

Chairman's Report

Discussion ensued for preparation of the Spofford Fire District annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station.

Commissioners' Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Tammy Bischof said Alissa Thompson, Town Administrator helped her upload the preview MS-737 and Warrant 2024 that were submitted to the NH DRA for review.

Chief's Report

Brendan Kiniry said the Engine 2 lease buyout is \$105,000. The leasing company will release the Engine without the payoff as long as the new vehicle is over \$105,000 and the lease company will hold the note on the new vehicle. He's looking for something with lower miles and lower hours. Trucks found with the right equipment have been in the price range of \$150,000 - \$175,000 and they have narrowed it down to two vehicles; a 2001 and a 2006 and both will need various work and a paint job. The paint quote is provided by Minuteman at \$30,000 to paint the truck without including decals and numbers. The broker with the 2006 had offered to trade one for one but Brendan Kiniry said he can sell outright for \$245,000 and keep the extra funds.

Chief Kiniry is discussing with his fellow firefighters the different options. One option is to sell for \$245,000 less 5% broker fee. He asked what else we would need from the Chief and Deputy Chief. They're doing a zoom inspection since the vehicles are located in Maryland and New York.

Discussion ensued about the EMS license with the state and turnout gear that was ordered and less expensive than originally thought. It will be \$17,000 instead of \$19,000.

Reporting software for ESO payment will be \$3,000 instead of \$5,000.

Mutual Aid Payment is expected to be \$29,600 so \$31,000 could be considered on Article 5 of the Warrant 2024.

Building Maintenance/Use

John Forester had nothing new to report.

Selectman's Representative

Fran Shippee asked about Call Volume for Spofford and Chesterfield from last year and discussion ensued. Chief Kiniry said the cost for Mutual Aid Payment is based on the call volume and population. Fran Shippee will discuss the percentages for each fire district to pay with Alissa Thompson, Town Administrator.

Clerk

Jay Gaudry will call Moderator, Mike Bentley to remind him about the District Meeting date and time.

New Business

None

Other

Discussion ensued regarding the Warrant for 2024 in preparation for any questions for clarification that may be asked at the district meeting.

Articles 5 – ok as written

Article 6 – \$90,000

Article 7 – ok as written at \$41,000

Article 8 – ok as written at \$2,000

Article 9 - \$24,000 catastrophic emergency trust fund – if we wreck a truck and it's not insured for replacement – that would be a catastrophic failure

Article 10 – ok as written at \$50,000

Article 11 – ok as written at \$4,743

Article 12 - \$19,000 PPE

Article 13 – there probably won't be anything to discuss.

Future meeting schedule:

March 19, 2024 – Annual Spofford Fire District Meeting @ 7 PM

March 21, 2024

April 18, 2024

May 16, 2024

June 20, 2024

July 18, 2024

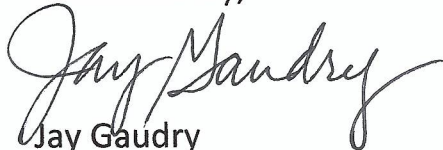
August 15, 2024
September 19, 2024
October 17, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 19, 2024

Executive Session
None

Adjournment

***Evan James Deutsch moved to adjourn at 7:18 pm, seconded by Rob Hodgkins.
All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.***

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Gaudry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" being more prominent.

Jay Gaudry
Clerk

Approved 3/21/24