

West Ossipee Fire Precinct Commissioners
Non-Public Session
January 03, 2009

Commissioner Present: Paul Jay, Joseph Goss, Henry Ela
Others Presents: Chief Brad Eldridge
Minutes Taken By: Marilyn Bolduc

At 11:11am a motion was made and passed (3-0) to go in Executive Session.

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Deputy Chief Huddleston stating the West Ossipee Firefighters Association has received their Tax ID number. He included the association's Mission Statement and a copy of the 2008 financial records. He stated the some of the expenses paid were the responsibility of the fire department.

Review of the financial documents showed the WO Firefighters Association had received a payment for fighting forest fires. J. Goss stated that this is not the proper procedure. J. Goss and P. Jay stated the proper procedure has been in place for years is: the Forestry Dept. pays the firefighters through the Ossipee Town Fire Warden. The Ossipee Fire Warden then sends a check to each firefighters individually. The rate is set by the State. Chief Eldridge said he was holding another check that had been issued in a lump sum for fighting forest fires. The Commissioners requested Chief Eldridge to have the Ossipee Town Fire Warden pay the men following the proper procedures and to send a memo the Town Fire Warden to that effect.

Also noted was a payment to Time Warner for activation of service. P. Jay stated the money needs to be returned. The WO Fire Department receives free Time Warner service and they should have never been charged.

At 11:30am Mellisa Ferland was asked to come into the Non-Public Session. She was there as a representative of the WO Firefighters Association. The association is asking for direction and guidance to move forward. Commissioner Jay gave her the following directions:

- She needs to work with Chief Eldridge to audit the financial documents of the association and determine which items are the responsibilities of the fire department and of the association.
- Any expenses that Chief Eldridge incurs while working for the association is the responsibility of the association, such as gas, etc.
- In the future, the association cannot accept checks from the Ossipee Town Fire Warden for payment of forest fire fighting services. Payment for services is to be paid to the men individually through proper channels.
- She needs to contact Time Warner and get reimbursement for activation invoice that was paid in error.

At 11:42am M. Ferland was asked to step out of the Non-Public Session.

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A motion was made and passed (3-0) instructing Chief Eldridge to audit the financial documents from the old West Ossipee Firefighter's Association and determine to the best of his ability what expenses are the responsibility of the fire department. He is to report back to the commissioners at the January 17, 2009 meeting.

At 11:43am, Chief Eldridge was asked to step out of the Non-Public Session.

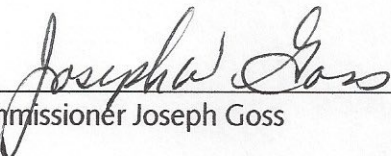
J. Goss made the motion that any person that has a grievance/complaint/accusation of legal merit against the department, precinct, or personnel must come before the Commissioners in person and present the case. Any such grievance/complaint/accusation will not be accepted in writing. The matter will be considered a personnel matter and be discussed in Executive Session. The motion was passed (3-0).

At 11:50am, a motion was made and passed (3-0) to go back to the regular session, and everyone was called back.

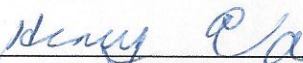
Minutes Approved 1/17/09
Date



Commissioner Paul Jay



Commissioner Joseph Goss



Commissioner Henry Ela