

# MINUTES

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## Board of Fire Engineers Board, Committee, Office, Etc.

Date: March 4, 2024

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chief Kosiba, Deputy Chief Silver,  
Asst. Chief Strom, Asst. Chief Cadrin, Asst. Chief Balkus

Absent:

### **INTERVIEW – SAMANTHA MASTROGIACOMO**

The board interviewed Samantha Mastrogiacomo. Asst. Chief Strom made a motion to appoint her a Recruit-In-Training at Headquarters pending a physical and CORI check, seconded by Deputy Chief Silver. Voted 5-0.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Chief Kosiba: Asked about driver training and pump testing. Discussion took place about putting an in-house training and test together to get some members certified. Notified the board that any response to 24 Elmwood Street needs to have a police escort, a notice will be sent to all stations. Doors at Station 3 will be painted sometime within the next week or so.
- Deputy Chief Silver: Getting more information regarding requirements for business inspections. Discussed fire investigations and would like to see the D7 FIU Team/State Police called in more often.
- Asst. Chief Strom: Annual ladder testing has been completed. Engine 5 was repaired at Ballard for the engine codes. Explained that the hydraulic system was leaking on the Rescue and if not repaired once it moves into the new station the fluid would destroy the new floor. The truck needs to go to XRT Systems in Marblehead for repairs to hydraulic system as they are the manufacturer of the system. The quoted price was for \$3051.98. Deputy Chief Silver made a motion to send it for repairs, seconded by Asst. Chief Balkus. Voted 5-0. Would like to add an Asst. Fire Prevention Officer, minimum requirements would be FPO level 1, with a possible stipend. Deputy Chief Silver made a motion to have a sign up sheet at each station, seconded by Asst. Chief Balkus. Voted 5-0. Working on the SOG for ambulance assist calls. Asked about TV's for I Am Responding at each station. Asst. Chief Balkus said as long as the TV's have a web browser access they will be compatible. Asst. Chief Strom will talk to the IAR rep. Asked about promotion criteria. Chief Kosiba is

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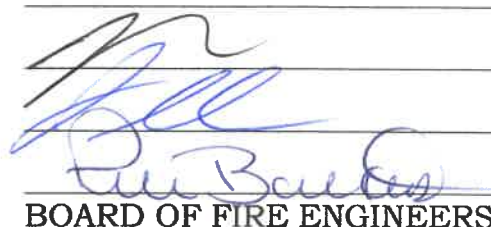
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gathering information. Will have the training schedule at the next meeting.

- Asst. Chief Cadrin: Discussed FIT testing and has a list of who has passed and who needs to reschedule, will work with Asst. Chief Strom on scheduling a date. The Brookline Fire Department had a surplus of HURST Tools that they donated to the department, Chief Kosiba picked them up. Asst. Chief Strom would like a thank you letter to be sent. New tanker cab and chassis was delivered to KME and Asst. Chief Strom is waiting to hear from Bulldog Fire to see when it will be put onto the assembly line. Discussion took place on what to name the new tanker. Asst. Chief Cadrin made a motion to call it "Tanker 4", seconded by Deputy Chief Silver. Voted 5-0.
- Asst. Chief Balkus: Asked about the CAD system for I Am Responding and install at the police station. Deputy Chief Silver is working with the dispatchers to get it completed. Would like all paperwork and tasks completed in a timely manner, feels that certain items have been delayed in being delivered. Working on the SOG for wakes and funerals in regards to flowers, will present to the board once completed. A list will be sent out to resolve pager issues. Asked about pump class and testing. Asst. Chief Balkus made a motion to send out a sign up sheet, seconded by Asst. Chief Strom. Voted 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding the open officer position at HQ. It will be tabled until July 1, 2024 to allow time to get into the new station and situated.

Asst. Chief Balkus made a motion to adjourn at 21:14.



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