

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Special Meeting

Meeting called by:	Commissioners	Date, Time:	July 19, 2007 at 17:00 to 18:33
Note taker:	Janine Vary	Place:	Center Street Station

Attendees: Comm. Tom Gallant, Comm. Bob Watson, Comm. Kevin Waldron, Treasurer Roland Seymour, Chief Steve Carrier, and Clerk Janine Vary

Comm. Gallant called meeting to order at 5:06PM. First order of business for commissioners to sign the letter to DRA requesting the insertion of the money for loan payments. All commissars reviewed and signed letter.

Chief reporting on Comstar . Medicaid doesn't have any minimums for cost of care for non-transport, so up to us to set standards. The ambulance rate was \$100 per hour. Suggested \$55 per ff/emt, so that is \$210. He added \$50 for miscellaneous equipment. Only incidents we would be billing this way if treated diabetic emergency or MVC and used bandages, gauze, etc. So up around \$260. Chief suggested setting that as a non transport fee. Tom motioned to set the non-transport rate to \$260; seconded by Bob. Discussion: Kevin asked for total breakdown again: He asked about out apparatus that respond to these calls. Chief isn't looking at a charge for additional equipment/vehicles. No more discussion. All 3 commissioners voted unanimously to setting the rate for non-transports to \$260 and Comstar should be advised of that. Chief will take care of notifying Comstar of the rate setting.

Tom mentioned that we did receive the Water District's new bill with a credit for 18 hydrants. Comments; Kevin identified the 18 hydrants, what means inadequate flow. Roland said there is no "list" of hydrants but a data sheet for each hydrant and Roland cannot interpret the stats. Because we didn't have actual criteria, able to look at hand written sheets and reviewed every hydrant and Jim came up with a verbal no good or good. Roland doesn't feel confident in the correct number for each hydrant so without clear definition and the engineers haven't been able to look at it yet. So it is still subject for review. Again we only have the Tilton hydrants and no Northfield numbers. Kevin had some Northfield numbers. Kevin mentioned we had something in a meeting before on the Tilton hydrants. Tom and Chief commented that Brad had given us a list a couple of meetings ago.. Kevin said he got it. Chief obtained a report from Brad that showed different ratings. Kevin asked are we going to say if we don't get "x" amount, we are not paying the bill. Chief felt anything that is a "C" or less is not adequate. Brad Ober came into the meeting. NFPA code read 231, where the PSI is mentioned. Kevin felt that his position would be if the water district cannot give 1000 gallons per minute, it isn't useful to us and we aren't paying for it. Roland asked hydrant engineers about how many hydrants in the state comply with these "standards" and was told hardly fifty percent would meet those standards.

Kevin stated list shows 18 hydrants credited but credit is for 17. Roland said there was a hydrant that was missed in the original billing. It was determined that there were 69 hydrants and not 68 hydrants when the bills first went out this year. Roland had asked Brad about the color to paint the hydrants that are inadequate in water supply. Chief commented that that was offered when he first began but the stats were never made available so that the hydrants could be identified. Brad stated he can interpret the data sheets that we have for Tilton. The number the fire district is interested in is the flow number on each hydrant. The rest of the numbers are data from previous hydrant flows and make up the formula. Brad tried explaining the numbers. Mentioned that numbers are estimates. Real data is the gallon flow. More discussion. Roland believes Northfield's data is still in the computer that Jim Dalton had. Tom mentioned that we are not paying the bill tomorrow. We could wait for Northfield's flow results. Tom stated makes no sense to get together unless we are all on the same page. We should have a work session. Roland said we had information from Jim Dalton before the Water Commissioners ever got the data. Roland invited fire commissioners to the Water District meetings on the first and third Mondays of the months. Fire commissioners could express their feelings on the letter and bill, etc. Tom asked if Chief could attend next week's meeting with him and any other commissioner who would like to attend. Appeared that Kevin and Bob would both be available.

Tom motioned to go into nonpublic session at RSA 91-A:3 II.c. Motion seconded by Kevin. Vote taken: Kevin - aye, Tom - aye; Bob - aye. All voted to go into nonpublic session at 5:30PM. Chief, treasurer, commissioners and secretary.

Tom motioned to keep the minutes sealed. Seconded by Kevin. Discussion: Tom explained the reason we keep minutes sealed is the "right to know" law. It protects the confidentiality of the employer/employee relationships. No more discussion. Tom motioned the non-public session minutes remain sealed. Bob -aye, Kevin -aye and Tom -aye. Tom motioned to authorize the clerk to change the scheduled meeting dates to the third Thursday of each month, assuming it doesn't include a holiday, commencing immediately. Seconded by Kevin Waldron. Discussion: Kevin asked about the budget committee being told. They will be notified as well as posting it on website and around towns. All commissioners voted to approve and it was unanimous. Tom made a motion to adjourn at 6:33PM, seconded by Kevin and vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:	August 16, 2007 at 18:00 at Center Street Station
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