



**BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
BERLIN, MASSACHUSETTS 01503
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 6, 2013

Location: Fire Station

Called to Order: 19:00 by Chief Bruce Ricard

Attended by Board Members: Chief Bruce Ricard, Charles Eager, Robert Tervo, James Peltier, George Pendergast and Donald Richer

Town Officials and Others Present: Judy Booman, Board of Selectmen at 19:15

Minutes from the February 6, 2013 were read unanimously approved and will be posted on the Town's Website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief reports that there is \$21,169.50 left in the Wages Account and \$27,900.00 in the Expense Account.

The Fire Department will have 3 Articles on the Town Meeting Warrant.

1. \$850,000.00 New Ladder Truck
2. \$1,500.00 Refurbish an old cruiser to be used as a Command Vehicle for the FD
3. \$23,620.00 for PPE, Personal Protective Equipment

The Chief reports that the FY 2014 Budget will be level funded except for an increase in the Chief's salary and the Training Account.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief reports communication problems with the Taylor Rd site. Verizon advised and is looking into the problem.

The Chief reports that the Berlin Fire Dept received a \$2,000.00 grant from the Volunteer Firefighter Fund.

This money will be matched with \$2,000.00 in Town funds for a total of \$4,000.00

STATUS OF THE APPARATUS

The Chief reports the following.

Engine 1---- Minor leak in the cooling lines, this has been repaired.

Engine 2---- In Service

Engine 3---- In Service

Ladder 1---- Modified/Restricted Use; a leak in the outrigger hydraulic line was discovered and repaired.

WARRANTS - The Chief submitted warrants for the Board to sign.

TRAINING AND PERSONNEL – The Board interviewed Mr. Paul Dudley of Central St. Hudson for a firefighter position on the Berlin Fire Department. Mr. Dudley is a member of the Stow Fire Dept and the Berlin Rescue Squad. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Dudley to a probationary Firefighter position on the BFD pending a Medical Exam.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

EXEUTIVE SESSION - None

Meeting adjourned at 20:35

Submitted by Recording Clerk,
Donald L. Richer