

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
March 13, 2017**

Selectmen Present: James Headd, Richard Eaton & Dale Phillips

Also Present: Ed Gannon, Fire Chief; Paula Marzloff, Mike Dross, Michael Rolfe, Dennis Vieira, Keith LeClair, Alan Villeneuve, Russ Sullivan & Mike DiPietro, Residents; Kathryn Lafond, Recording Secretary

Mr. Headd called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of March 13th, 2017

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$60,500.63 for the week of March 13th, 2017; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Week of March 13th, 2017

Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

Bypass 28 (Tax Map #3, Lot #7)

Hooksett Rd (Tax Map #10, Lot #3)

Chester Rd (Tax Map #19, Lot #1)

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Appointments with the Board

Edward Gannon, Fire Chief – Engine 1 Repair

The Board was provided a handout with information regarding the recent engine failure of Engine One. Chief Gannon explained that on the evening of February 18th, the Fire Department responded to a call, in route the “stop engine” light came on. Upon being notified of this, Chief Gannon directed the truck be taken out of service and brought to

Station 2 so the matter could be addressed. Rockingham Truck was able to come out the following business day, Monday, February 20th and the computer detected two faults, the crankcase pressure sensor was reading above normal pressures and the crankcase filter needed to be replaced. Chief Gannon had the necessary repairs completed however during the test drive the "stop engine" light came back on. At this point, Rockingham Truck advised Chief Gannon that this was more of a problem than they could handle. The truck was moved to Manchester Mack who initially diagnosed the apparatus with a ruptured head gasket on two cylinders, however upon further investigation the mechanic found that the engine and turbocharger have been "dusted" which means that dirt, salt, and other material have passed through the air filter into the turbocharger and into the engine. Where oil lubricates the engine's internal components, the oil is now mixed with sand, salt etc. and this results in a breakdown for the engine. Chief Gannon indicated that from the mechanic at Manchester Mack's assessment and the lack of maintenance documentation stating otherwise it would appear that the air filter on the Engine One apparatus has not ever been changed since the town took ownership of the vehicle in 2013. The Board reviewed pictures supplied by Manchester Mack as well as a quote in the amount of \$18,978.46 to repair the apparatus engine. Mr. Headd asked if the apparatus was still out of commission. Chief Gannon stated yes. Mr. Headd asked if this repair would prevent this from happening again. Chief Gannon stated that this repair would get the apparatus back in service and he has requested quotes from 3 companies for a preventative maintenance plan for all of the town's fire apparatus so that this does not happen again. Mr. Headd asked if the Fire Department has funds in their budget. Chief Gannon indicated that he did budget some money in the budget for apparatus maintenance, a comprehensive program may exceed that budget line but he will make adjustments in other areas to offset the additional preventative maintenance costs. Mr. Eaton commented that things like this should not happen and he supported getting the apparatus on a preventative maintenance program. Mr. Eaton noted that in reviewing the Fire Departments maintenance records he saw that the aerial ladder on Engine One recently needed to be serviced as well. Chief Gannon stated yes, the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) requires that aerial devices be certified annually and the ladder on Engine One, again without documentation stating otherwise, had not been inspected or serviced since 2013. Chief Gannon noted that there was also recently an issue with the tanker and he has been working to get all of the apparatus to be NFPA compliant. Mr. Eaton asked if the new Chevy Tahoe has a preventative maintenance plan. Chief Gannon stated that there have been three recall notices for the vehicle that have been addressed by Bentley Chevy and he regularly brings the vehicle to Jiffy lube who conduct 27 point inspections when they do oil changes. Mr. Eaton reiterated that he supports getting all of the fire departments apparatus on preventative maintenance plans and that the Fire Department juggle money in their budget for that. Mr. Eaton asked what the department does when apparatus is out of service since they only have one ladder truck. Chief

Gannon stated that Chester is currently providing mutual aid to Auburn since Engine One is out of service. Mr. Headd indicated that the Fire Department is dealing with some computer issues as well. Chief Gannon confirmed that it was discovered that the department's computer network was not secure which was in violation of HIPAA privacy and security regulations and software licenses had seemingly been pirated. Chief Gannon stated that the town's IT person had assessed the situation and with a member of the fire department who is an IT manager for the Town of Derry have established what needs to be done to remedy the computer issues. Mr. Headd asked what the cost of all this is. Chief Gannon stated \$7,000 in equipment alone, having the fire department member complete the work saves the town a great deal since he is doing it at no charge, the previous member who did the IT work was paid an annual stipend and if the department does not have to use the funds to pay for the unanticipated expenditures Chief Gannon would like to provide a stipend to the current member doing the work. Mr. Headd noted that between the unexpected costs to repair the computers and the fire truck, the total is approximately \$26,000.00. Chief Gannon agreed and informed the Board that he will make adjustments within the fire department budget to fund the computer issues as well as the preventative maintenance plan costs. Chief Gannon did not believe he could for the fire apparatus repair, though. The Board agreed that Engine One needs to be repaired and after tomorrow election the town will have an approved budget and they will be able to brainstorm funding potentials for the cost of the repair.

Other Business

The Annual Town and School Election will be held tomorrow, March 14th at the Auburn Village School. The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dross informed the Board that he doesn't agree with the election being held tomorrow with the forecasted weather. Mr. Headd noted that unfortunately, the Board cannot do anything to postpone the election. Mr. Eaton understood that holding the election in inclement weather will present challenges to the road crews but he is confident in the Road Agent and the subcontractors.

A public forum will be held regarding the Auburn Master Plan Update. This will be held Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Auburn Safety Complex.

Minutes

March 6th, 2017 Public Meeting

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the minutes of the March 6th, 2017 public meeting; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Headd moved to adjourn; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the public meeting ended at 7:23 p.m.