

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS**

of the

**LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, INC., 1085 Great Road, Lincoln RI
02865**

Held May 11, 2010

CALL OF THE MEETING:

**Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at
5:05 p.m., May 11, 2010.**

**Present: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr., Mr. Mark
Krieger, Mr. Paul Harrison, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Office
Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, Treasurer Ms. Christine
E. Wood, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Mrs. Margaret Lawton, Mrs.
Cynthia O'Connell, Mr. Robert Theroux, and several firefighters.**

**Mr. Rivet stated that Mr. James Fredrikson had approached him
shortly after the last meeting to ask if he could be involved with the
Department. Ms. Wood then read a letter submitted by Mr. Michael
OConnell stating that he was interested in being considered for the
open Commissioner position. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a
motion to nominate Mr. James A. Fredrikson of Harris Avenue to
replace Mr. John Shey until the Annual Meeting. Mr. Paul Harrison
seconded the motion. With no other nominations and all**

Commissioners in agreement, the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2010 MEETING:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting as written and presented. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mrs. Cynthia O'Connell asked if public notices were posted for open positions on the Department (Commissioners, firefighters...). Mr. Rivet stated that it had not been past practice to do so.

Mrs. O'Connell asked if the firefighters had to go to school. Mr. Rivet advised her that Public Input was not a question and answer period. He would entertain comments.

The question was then asked if the budget was quarterly or semi-annual. Mr. Rivet stated it was an annual budget.

It was clarified for Mr. Robert Theroux that Mr. Harrison's nomination was only until the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Margaret Lawton stated that her questions had already been addressed.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to suspend the regular order of business to move to New Business to appoint the position of Chair. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Chairperson

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to nominate Mr. Ronald E. Rivet as Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion. Mr. Rivet asked if there were any other nominations. With no response, the motion passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to nominate Mr. Mark Krieger as the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

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In response to his question, Mr. Krieger was advised that Twin River owns the communications equipment used there.

Mr. Turner questioned the age of Engine 35. Chief Sylvester advised him that it was thirty-five years old.

Chief Sylvester stated that it would take a year to rebuild the Wilbur Road Bridge after its removal July 26. Alternate routes were discussed.

With no further discussion, the Chief's Report was approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion. With no discussion, the Tax Collector's Report was approved.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the abatements in the amount of \$297.82 as presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Rivet congratulated Ms. Heaton on the Arson Watch Rewards program winner, Hollis Hanna of Angell Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which

passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to obtain the usual gift certificates for the internal audit committee. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Payroll Expenses: dated 04/09/10-05/05/10 in the amount of \$105,505.70

Interim Expenses: dated 04/10/10-05/05/10 in the amount of \$ 28,249.26

Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses: dated 04/10/10-05/05/10 in the amount of \$ 10,882.24

Bills for Initial Approval dated 05/07/10-05/07/10 in the amount of \$ 81,162.82

Total: \$225,800.02

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval as presented in the amount of \$225,800.02. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Ms. Wood confirmed that the insurance policies would be all paid up with those presented at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Out Injured Benefit Policy

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to adhere to State law for out injured benefits. Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to table the topic as Captain Thibeault had submitted a rough draft of a policy. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

2. Retirement Age

Chief Sylvester advised the Board that the retirement age had originally been set at 65, but then was lowered to 62.

He stated that several firefighters have dedicated decades to the Department, but have only been able to contribute to a retirement plan for a few years. Since physical exams are required every year after age 50, he stated that physical condition was not a factor. He also noted that there was nothing in the Acts to Incorporate, By-laws, or State law naming a mandatory retirement age.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to amend the new Chapter 10, §1 of the Rules and Regulations to make the

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mandatory retirement age 65 with the exception of the Chief of Department. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Mr. Harrison asked if there had been any input from the younger firefighters as this would delay their opportunities for promotion.

Chief Sylvester responded that there had been no negative feedback. With no further discussion the motion passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to amend the amendment to the savings plan #1.11 “Normal Retirement Age” from age 62 to age 65. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Krieger questioned if §3 of new Chapter 10 of the Rules and Regulations remained at age 62, would District insurance cover them while working at Twin River. It was agreed that the insurance company would be contacted and the issue would be added to the next Agenda.

3. Rhody 5K Road Race

Chief Sylvester stated he had not spoken to Twin River about making a \$100 donation to set up a table at the Rhody 5k Road Race. Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to defer the topic until the next meeting. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion. When advised that the event would take place prior to the next meeting, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to authorize the Chair to authorize a donation if \$100 was acceptable to set up a table at the Rhody 5k. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all

Commissioners in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.):

2. Internal Audit Fiscal Year 2009-2009

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Internal Audit for Fiscal Year 2009-2009 as presented. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion. Following explanations for questions on the Treasurer's and Cash Reports, the motion passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Wood read five letters of thanks and one newspaper ad praising the service received from the Department. Most related to the March flooding.

Chief Sylvester stated that he was very proud of the professionalism and dedication displayed by the firefighters. He added that no Lime Rock firefighter had participated in the picket line set up in North Providence where other Lincoln firefighters were reported to be swearing and putting down the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. Wood

Recording Secretary

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cc: R. Rivet, C. Turner, M. Krieger, P. Harrison, J. Fredrikson, file