

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

**of the**

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

**Held August 31, 2010**

**CALL OF THE MEETING:**

**Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:06  
p.m., August 31, 2010.**

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

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2010 MEETING:**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes of the  
August 10, 2010 meeting. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion,  
which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**No one signed up for Public Input.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Motor Vehicle Taxation**

**Following much discussion about the new regulations pertaining to motor vehicle taxation, Mr. Krieger offered to get further clarification from the State. Chief Sylvester recommended speaking to Mr. Joseph Coduri. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to have Mr. Krieger contact Mr. Coduri for clarification on the \$10 minimum tax bill. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. Due to complaints received regarding the legality of the \$25 collection fee, Ms. Heaton asked if Mr. Krieger could inquire about that also.**

### **2. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget**

**After several questions about various line items, Mr. Rivet led a line by line review of the proposed budget draft. It was stated there would be no salary increases. The Treasurer explained that State Unemployment rates would not be available until January. With one laid off firefighter she anticipated an increased rate and tried to determine what that might be. The Board agreed to follow her recommendation of \$17,000. Ms. Wood indicated that the payroll company might have the percent for Federal Insurance Contributions in September.**

**Mr. Harrison recommended eliminating the health insurance opt outs, but it was decided that in the long run, keeping it was the better option.**

**The Treasurer reported that the auditor had said to compute the total liability for all firefighters regardless of age to determine what should be contributed to the Accrued Benefits Sinking Fund. Having done that she reported that figure to be in excess of \$200,000. The Board agreed to keep the amount at \$25,000.**

**The Travel Allowance was lowered to \$2,000. Due to future expenses on the Vision 21 dispatch equipment it was decided to set up a Communications Reserve fund, but not as a sinking fund, to save for these expenses. The Board agreed to allocate \$500 to this fund.**

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**It was decided to reduce General Supplies by \$2,000.**

**Concerns were voiced that, due to budget constraints, some routine maintenance and long-term goals were taking a back seat. With that in mind, the Commissioners agreed to fund the Vehicle Replace/Refurb Sinking Fund with \$5,000.**

**The Special Recognitions Fund was lowered by \$1,000.**

**Following discussion about the limits on the Commercial Umbrella policy, the Treasurer was asked to present figures on the General Liability policy at the next meeting.**

**Chief Sylvester advised the Board that the 1995 Fire Marshal's inspection vehicle had over 100,000 miles on it. He recommended selling it, replacing it with the Assistant Chief's vehicle, and buying a good used vehicle in the range of \$22,000 for the Assistant Chief. Ms. Heaton was told to add to the annual meeting agenda a request to withdraw \$20,000 from the Replace/Refurb Sinking Fund for this purpose.**

**The Treasurer was asked to prepare figures for the dollar difference if health insurance co-pays were increased to 15% or 20%.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Christine E. Wood**

**Recording Secretary**

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

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