

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

of the

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

Held November 9, 2010

CALL OF THE MEETING:

Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m., November 9, 2010.

Present: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger, Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr., Mr. Paul Harrison, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Office Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, Treasurer Ms. Christine E. Wood, and several firefighters. Mr. Brad Preston was present for a portion of the meeting.

Absent: Mr. James A. Fredrikson

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2010 MEETING:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 12, 2010 meeting. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2010 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 12, 2010 Executive Session. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the

motion. Mr. Krieger then withdrew his motion as did Mr. Turner. Mr. Krieger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 12, 2010 Executive Session and for them to remain sealed. Mr. Turner seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

INSURANCE COVERAGE/VFIS:

Mr. Brad Preston of VFIS explained how the Commercial Umbrella policy added \$10 million of coverage per incident to the \$1 million limits on each of the General Liability, Auto Liability, and Management Liability policies. Mr. Preston explained pros and cons in relation to lowering the umbrella coverage.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Captain Russell Thibeault stated he was experiencing breathing problems, which he attributed to his being in Station #1. He asked if the building could be tested for irritants. The Board and the Chief stated they would look into it.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

In response to questions from Mr. Krieger, Chief Sylvester stated that the 2007 Explorer, purchased from Balise for \$17,900, had 28,000 miles on it. The 1995 Jimmy had not been used as a trade-in as the

offer was too low. The Chief said he had received prior approval from the Chair to sell the vehicle for \$1,500 and that he had secured a buyer. Mr. Rivet said a vote was not necessary as the transaction had been approved at the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Harrison noted that Chief Sylvester had been cleared by Pawtucket for garaging his vehicles in, and paying taxes to, Lincoln as the RI State Police had determined he had done nothing wrong. He suggested giving the Town Administrator a copy of the memorandum from the Pawtucket City Solicitor. Chief Sylvester responded that copies had been given to the Town Administrator and Tax Assessor. It was suggested that copies go to the Valley Breeze and Providence Journal. Chief Sylvester stated he was taking legal action against GoProvidence.com.

Mr. Rivet questioned how the flote pump could be damaged beyond repair. He was told the motor had burned out from excessive use during the March floods. With no remaining warrantee a new motor was being searched out.

Mr. Krieger asked if FF Amaral was working out as the Health and Safety Officer and was told that he was.

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Mr. Turner asked if Lt. Labossiere was recovered from his eye injury.

Chief Sylvester replied that he was fine; that there had been no actual injury.

With no further questions, the Chief's Report was accepted 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.

Mr. Krieger questioned the abatements. Ms. Heaton explained that some vehicles had been coded incorrectly either by the State, or through clerical error. The result being that some motor vehicles were allocated to the wrong districts.

Mr. Harrison asked if Ms. Heaton foresaw any problems resulting from the merger of Opal Data and Vision Appraisal. Mr. Rivet stated that mergers were standard procedure.

Mr. Rivet asked why motor vehicles with a tax of less than \$5.00 had been issued bills. Ms. Heaton explained that a bill could contain multiple vehicles that might be under \$5.00, but that the total bill would be more than \$5.00.

The Tax Collector's Report was then approved with all

Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the abatements in the amount of \$121.09 as presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to authorize Ms. Heaton to sign the letter regarding the Opal Data software agreement in relation to an anticipated sale to Vision Appraisal. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

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.

Mr. Krieger asked if a request had been made to determine why the latest Assistance to Firefighters grant had been denied. Assistant Chief Jacques advised him that he had been trying to get a call through and would continue.

For FY 10-11, the Treasurer was asked to add information to the year-end Budget to Actual to detail the actual fourth quarter adjustments.

Mr. Turner asked why, at \$25 per returned check fee, the total was \$145. Ms. Wood said she would research it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to thank Global Tower Partners for their offer, but that Lime Rock Fire District would stay with the Lease Agreement as it stood. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion. The Treasurer was instructed to send a letter thanking GTP for the offer stating that the District was not interested in any of the offers at this time. With no further discussion the motion passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

The FY 2009-2009 Compilation was accepted under the Treasurer's Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Wood read a thank you letter from Twin River thanking sponsors of the Rhody 5K Road Race for their valuable support. A personal thank you had been added to Chief Sylvester.

The Chief advised the Board that the Lincoln Calendar would feature Deputy Chief (ret.) and Mrs. Gordon Jackson.

Mr. Rivet read a letter from Mr. Robert H. Turner, Jr. stating his pleasure at being able to serve the District as Moderator, but that he was unable to accept the gift certificate given to him in thanks for his services. No decision was made as to the disposition of the gift

certificate.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 42-46-5 of the Exemptions of Chapter 46 of the General Laws pursuant to Section 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss litigation and labor relations/collective bargaining. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mr. Turner, Mr. Krieger, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Rivet agreed to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated purposes at 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mr. Krieger, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Rivet agreed to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion in open session to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mr. Krieger, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Rivet agreed to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Rivet

Christine E. Wood

Recording Secretaries

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