

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

of the

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

Held January 11, 2011

CALL OF THE MEETING:

Mr. Mark Krieger, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m., January 11, 2011.

Present: Mr. Mark Krieger, Mr. Paul Harrison, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques, Captain Jonathan Wright, Office Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, and Treasurer Ms. Christine E. Wood.

Absent: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, and Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2010 MEETING:

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Chief Frank Sylvester stated he was hurt by Ms. Cynthia O'Connell's remarks at the December 14 meeting accusing the Department of thuggery and corruption. He said that the employees give 110%; the Department has received numerous accolades; and he had just been asked by Mayor Polisena of Johnston to draw up specifications for a new fire chief.

The Chief also stated that Ms. Margaret Lawton had later relayed her concerns that his remarks at FF Bethel's swearing in were not appropriate at that time. Chief Sylvester said that he stood by his remarks. He stated that he would welcome an investigation by the State Police to show there was no corruption in the Department as Ms. O'Connell had charged.

Mr. Krieger appreciated Chief Sylvester's candor and agreed with his support of the Department. He suggested it may not have been an appropriate time/place for the comments, but knowing how strong the Chief's feelings were he would not have expected less of him.

Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques agreed with Chief Sylvester's comments. He stated that Ms. O'Connell owed an apology to all thirty-three employees of the Department and to the Board of Fire Commissioners for her uncalled for, and untrue remarks.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion.

Mr. Fredrikson questioned why Keith Williams was being added to the Roster. Chief Sylvester explained with FF Bethel transferring from Call to Full-time there was an opening for a Call firefighter. Mr. Williams met all of the required qualifications for a new hire and was a resident of Lime Rock.

Results of the mold testing report were read, stating there was not a mold problem at Station #1 in the tested areas.

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Mr. Krieger asked why a firefighter had turned in his portable radio. Chief Sylvester noted that the same individual had recently resigned his position as Health and Safety Officer.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion.

In response to a question from Mr. Harrison, Ms. Heaton indicated that she would continue including copies of bills paid under protest in her report.

Mr. Krieger asked if the most recent requests for open records had been sent out. Ms. Heaton advised him one request was mailed out and the other had been picked up. To maintain a record of receipt, he recommended having records signed for by the individual that requested them.

With increasing banking fees, there was discussion of billing/payment changes that could be explored for the next fiscal year. The Commissioners asked the Tax Collector to present them with some figures showing what effect some of these changes could make in the revenue flow.

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the abatements as presented in the amount of \$71.96. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to approve the refund as presented in the amount of \$55.37. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

With no further discussion, the Tax Collector's report was accepted.

Interim Expenses:	dated 12/11/10-01/06/11 in
the amount of \$ 41,963.43	
Bills for Initial Approval	dated 01/07/11-01/07/11 in the
amount of \$ 2,884.67	
Total:	\$151,119.41

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Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$151,119.41. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion.

The Treasurer advised the Board that the bills had not been reviewed by a Commissioner prior to the meeting.

With a request from Mr. Krieger, Mr. Harrison withdrew his motion to approve, and Mr. Fredrikson withdrew his second.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$151,119.41 contingent upon review by one of the Commissioners within five days. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

(Note: Immediately following the meeting, Mr. Krieger reviewed the Bills Submitted for Approval.)

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business to be discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Three letters of thanks for outstanding service were read.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Krieger stated there was no need to go into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to adjourn. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 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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