

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

of the

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

**Held March 8, 2011**

**CALL OF THE MEETING:**

**Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m., March 8, 2011.**

**Present: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger, Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr., Mr. Paul Harrison, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques, Deputy Chief Todd Tucker, Office Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, Treasurer Ms. Christine E. Wood, several firefighters, and Mr. Michael Armes.**

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2011 MEETING:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Fredrikson asked Mr. Krieger if he had had a chance to speak to the Town Administrator about the Twin River tax issue. Mr. Krieger**

responded that Mr. Almond said that the Town was still working on their response. It was the Administrator's feeling that since Twin River had not filed a claim against Lime Rock Fire District it should not affect the Department.

With no further questions, the Minutes were accepted as presented with all Commissioners in agreement.

#### **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Mark Krieger moved to defer approval of the Executive Session Minutes until all of the Commissioners had read them.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Mr. Michael Armes appealed to the Board to refund the late fees he had paid on his tax bills. He stated he had moved three times in the last year, had submitted all the required address changes to the Post Office, yet he did not receive the bills. Mr. Rivet advised him that his concerns would be taken into consideration. Mr. Krieger advised the Board that he had represented Mr. Armes throughout his real estate transactions and would therefore recuse himself from further discussion.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

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

**There was much discussion about reduction options to lower the plan review fees for the McColl Field YMCA expansion.**

**Chief Sylvester noted that the run figures for Chief 3 and Car 3 did not accurately reflect the runs he and the Assistant Chief had responded to.**

**Mr. Krieger asked about the possibility of losing more trained firefighters. Compensation comparisons were made. Mr. Rivet stated that layoffs could happen in any city or town.**

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**The Chair was pleased to see increased interest in the Honor Guard.**

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

#### **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the Executive Session and for them to remain sealed. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Fredrikson asked for more information regarding the Chief's Report. In response to his question about Tier II reports, the Fire**

**Marshal advised him they reported hazardous materials; what was stored where and the amount.**

**Mr. Fredrikson noted that he agreed with FF Isherwood's comments on preventive maintenance. Chief Sylvester advised him a program was in effect.**

#### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the abatement in the amount of \$67.50 as presented. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The Tax Collector was asked about the \$677.65 refund that had already been paid to the Leonards. She explained that they had paid the bill, unaware that their bank had also paid the bill. The funds were returned with the Chief's okay.**

**Chief Sylvester noted that this had been an especially stressful tax year for the Tax Collector. She had been dealing with many complaints about the \$25 collection fee and the tax bills in general.**

**Ms. Heaton reviewed the properties heading for tax sale.**

**The Commissioners were in agreement about refunding collection**

fees as presented. The Tax Collector was asked to submit them at the April meeting for official approval. Refund checks would be sent out at that time.

With no further questions, the Tax Collector's report was approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion.

Following explanations related to the budget and cash flow, the Treasurer's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

**BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

Payroll Expenses: dated 02/03/11-03/02/11 in the amount of \$111,186.82

Interim Expenses: dated 02/05/11-03/02/11 in the amount of \$ 36,002.49

Non-budgetary Interim Expenses: dated 02/05/11-03/02/11 in the amount of \$ 2,193.00

Bills for Initial Approval dated 03/03/11-03/03/11 in the amount of \$ 4,527.96

Total: \$153,910.27

**Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$153,910.27. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**There was no Old Business to be discussed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**There was no New Business to be discussed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**The Treasurer read a thank you note from Ms. Kim Greene.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**The Commissioners did not adjourn to Executive Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 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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