

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

**of the**

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

**Held April 12, 2011**

**CALL OF THE MEETING:**

**Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., April 12, 2011.**

**Present: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger, 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, Ms. Jean Guadagni, and Mr. Robert Cioffi, Executive Director McColl Field YMCA.**

**Absent: Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr.**

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

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion,**

**which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Robert Cioffi, Executive Director of McColl Field YMCA discussed the changes being made to McColl Field, the fees they were being charged to make the improvements, and why he was asking for consideration on the \$29,837 plan review fee being charged by Lime Rock Fire District. Chief Sylvester reviewed the proposals that had previously been made to 1) reduce the fee by half in exchange for memberships for the firefighters or 2) spread the cost over five years.**

**Mr. Cioffi stated that his Board had not approved either option. There was also discussion about the fees being charged or waived by the Town of Lincoln.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to defer a vote until all Commissioners could be involved in the decision. He asked for any other information regarding benefits to Lincoln families, or other information that could have an impact on the Commissioners' decision. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Ms. Jean Guadagni appealed to the Board to waive the \$25 collection fees on her real estate and motor vehicle bills. She stated that, had she received the bills last fall, she would have paid them. She noted that she had never been late on any bill.**

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion.**

**Chief Sylvester explained that he had spoken to the Chair about making FF Amaral an Acting Lieutenant as he had been doing the job, but that at times his orders were not acted upon as the other firefighters claimed he was the same rank as they were. Mr. Rivet had agreed to pay him for the rank. Following questions from Mr. Krieger there was discussion about required qualifications for a Lieutenant and the current status of a list for the position.**

**The Chief's Report was then accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.**

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

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

**Mr. Krieger questioned the status of several tax sale properties especially relating to bankruptcies and foreclosures.**

**Mr. Krieger stated that he would again have to recuse himself from discussion/action on the Armes refund as he had been a client.**

**Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the abatements in the amount of \$385.70 as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the refunds in the amount of \$938.35 as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion. With Mr. Krieger recusing himself, Mr. Rivet voted to approve the refunds and the motion passed.**

**Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to include requests for refunds/abatements from the five families that submitted letters as presented to be included for approval at the May meeting. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**After brief discussion, the Commissioners asked for further discussion at the May meeting regarding a cut-off date for requests for reversal of collection fees.**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**Mr. Krieger asked for clarification in regards to the research Ms. Wood had done for Mr. McKinnon. She stated it was done in response to information requested by the attorney representing a laid-off firefighter.**

**BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

<b>Payroll Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 03/03/11-04/06/11 in the amount of \$137,418.28</b>
<b>Interim Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 03/04/11-04/06/11 in the amount of \$ 35,065.14</b>
<b>Non-budgetary Interim Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 03/04/11-04/06/11 in the amount of \$ 975.85</b>
<b>Bills for Initial Approval</b>	<b>dated 04/08/11-04/08/11 in the amount of \$ 2,652.03</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$176,111.30</b>

**Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$176,111.30. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**The Treasurer read an invitation to the dedication ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, notice of the Rhody 5k Road Race, and a request from Unison to discuss investment opportunities for the cell tower. The Board asked the Treasurer to include discussion about the Rhody 5k Road Race in the May agenda and to contact Unison and ask them to present their best offer.**

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**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 labor relations/collective bargaining. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voiced their agreement to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated purpose at 6:41 p.m.**

**ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voiced their agreement to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion in open session to have the Chair act in accordance with the motion made in Executive Session. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voiced their agreement, and the motion passed.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion in open session to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voiced their agreement to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session, and the motion passed.**

**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 7:14 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Ronald E. Rivet**

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**Christine E. Wood**

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**Recording Secretaries**

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

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