

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

of the

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

Held May 10, 2011

CALL OF THE MEETING:

Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m., May 10, 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, Office Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, Treasurer Ms. Christine E. Wood, and several firefighters.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2011 MEETING:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Executive Session Minutes and for them to remain sealed. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with each Commissioner in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No one signed up for Public Input.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Chief's Report with the addition of the Health and Safety Report. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

There were several questions regarding fire service terminology and discussion about dealing with malicious false calls.

Chief Sylvester discussed various programs he had been researching to include gas cards to be used for a tax savings, a potential grant, insurance, and hydrant identification.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

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

Mr. Krieger asked how many of the \$25 collection fees were for the current year. Ms. Heaton replied she would have to research that. Ms. Wood suggested eliminating the collection fee due to the number of complaints received about it. She recommended replacing it with a higher interest rate.

There was discussion about a letter presented about a potential resolution to outstanding taxes for Mr. Gregory Mercurio.

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Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the abatements presented in the amount of \$354.44. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

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. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Payroll Expenses:	dated 04/07/11-05/05/11 in the
amount of \$112,845.01	
Interim Expenses:	dated 04/09/11-05/05/11 in
the amount of \$100,123.21	
Bills for Initial Approval	dated 05/06/11-05/06/11 in the
amount of \$ 4,970.23	
Total:	\$217,938.45

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$217,938.45. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to continue with past practice in offering gift certificates to the internal auditors for their service to the District. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. McColl Field Plan Review Fee

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to charge the usual fee for the McColl Field YMCA plan review. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion.

Mr. Rivet asked if Mr. Cioffi had responded with any of the information he had been asked for at the April meeting. When told

that he had not the Treasurer was instructed to send out an invoice. With no further discussion, the motion passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

2. Rhody 5K Road Race

Chief Sylvester stated that he did not care to get involved with the event this year. He pointed out that the Town employees working got paid time and a half; Lime Rock employees volunteered their time. Twin River donated funds to the Town; the Town never once thanked Lime Rock Fire District for their part in raising the money.

The Commissioners decided to follow the Chief's recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Collection Fee

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to defer discussion until the next meeting. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion.

Mr. Krieger suggested putting the collection fee on late real estate accounts, but not motor vehicles. The Tax Collector was asked to check the records to determine when use of the collection fee began.

With no further discussion, the topic was deferred to the next meeting with all Commissioners in agreement.

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2. Cell Tower Proposal

Ms. Wood advised that she had eventually received a response from Unison and been assured the information requested could be made available for Thursday, May 5th via email. No information was received.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to table the issue. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion. Mr. Turner stated that he had an article to bring in that stated cell towers would soon be obsolete. With all Commissioners in agreement, the topic was tabled.

3. Internal Audit Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Internal Audit as presented. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Treasurer read a letter from Renee Evangelista expressing gratitude for outstanding service from the Department.

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 6:37 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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