

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

Of the

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

HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Present: Mr. Ronald Rivet, Mr. Paul Harrison, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, and Mr. John Houghton, Mr. Mark Krieger arrived at 5:30 PM, Chief Frank Sylvester, Ms. Lesley Heaton, Ms. Cheryl Cronan.

Mr. Ronald Rivet called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., Tuesday February 11, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2013 MEETING:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No Public Input.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to move New Business to the top of the agenda. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Ronald Rivet presented a plaque to Firefighter Stephen Gonsalves who recently left the Department in recognition for his years of service. All wished him well.

Mr. Ronald Rivet presented a commendation letter to Deputy Chief Todd Tucker for his outstanding work on the Department's Honor Guard.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. John Houghton made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

**Mr. John Houghton inquired about the fees collected for inspections:
Chief Sylvester: A portion of fees collected from last month were not listed in Decembers report and are being added to the January report.**

Mr. John Houghton asked if over the last few months, the amount of calls increased. Chief Sylvester: Yes, there has been an increase. Much of it has been due to the large volume of auto accidents.

**Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired about the recent class on electric vehicles:
Chief Sylvester: I will let Assistant Chief Jacques address your question. Assistant Chief Jacques explained the details of the class that was given to all four groups. The class was about two hours long and is based on the NFPA guidelines. Each engine has a NFPA guidebook for in the field reference.**

Chief Sylvester: There will be another class coming up dealing with crowd control. It is mandatory that all personnel attend one of these sessions. Employees of Twin River will also attend. The State Fire Marshal office will be in attendance during the class. Upon

completion of the class a certification will be given.

Mr. Paul Harrison questioned the duration of one of the runs. Chief Sylvester: It appears that the duration of the call was an error.

Mr. Mark Krieger asked if the total fees collected for inspections was correct. Chief Sylvester: Confirmed that the total was correct.

Mr. Mark Krieger inquired if the injured Firefighter has returned to work. Chief Sylvester: No the individual is scheduled for surgery.

Mr. Mark Krieger questioned if the seatbelt on Engine 31 has been repaired. Assistant Chief Jacques: The seatbelt needs a new clasp. It is still functional.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

No questions on the Tax Collectors report.

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report

as presented. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to approve the abatement for \$ 446.68. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Paul Harrison inquired about the reason for the abatements: Ms. Heaton: They were due to the homestead exemption.

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to approve the refunds in the amount of \$ 2126.56. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Ms. Heaton stated that the refunds are due to people overpaying previous year's taxes.

Mr. Mark Krieger inquired as to why these checks were paid prior to the meeting. Ms. Heaton: Chief Sylvester approved them and people were requesting their overpayments back.

Mr. Mark Krieger asked that we not give refunds prior to Board approval.

With no further discussion, the Tax Collectors Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

TREASURER IS REPORT:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Mark Krieger inquired about the cell tower notification. Ms. Cronan: We were notified that the company who owns the cell tower has been acquired by another company. There have been no issues with the changeover in ownership.

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

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Payroll Expenses:

dated 01/01/14–01/31/14 in

the amount of \$ 147,924.75

Interim Expenses:

dated 01/01/14–01/31/14 in

the amount of \$ 37,918.63

Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses:

dated 01/01/14–01/31/14 in

the amount of \$ 3402.58

Bills for Initial Approval:

dated 01/01/14–01/31/14 in the

amount of \$ -0-

Total:

\$ 189,245.96

Mr. Mark Krieger, made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$ 189,245.96. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. James A. Fredrikson inquired about a payment made to M.W. Aragao. Ms. Cronan: They are the company that manages the 457B Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Mark Krieger questioned the letter we received from the Union Business Agent. Chief Sylvester: Captain Russell Thibeault has been appointed as a Union Representative (Shop Steward) and will assume his duties effective March 1, 2014. The Union states that there has to be two representatives.

A letter from Lincoln High School Post Graduation Committee requesting a donation was read.

Mr. Mark Krieger, made a motion to make a donation in the amount of \$ 50.00. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

A thank you card was read from Mr. Perry for the attendance of the Honor Guard and members of the Department at Mrs. Perry's service.

Mr. Ronald Rivet asked what is done to keep the water in the trucks from freezing while out on a call during the winter months. Chief Sylvester explained the methods of keeping the water from freezing.

Chief Sylvester wanted to inform the board that we will be purchasing a new dishwasher as the old one is leaking.

Assistant Chief Jacques has relocated to Station 2.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. John Houghton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Ronald Rivet Chairman Cheryl A. Cronan

Recording Secretaries