

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

Of the

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

HELD SEPTEMBER 09, 2014

Present: Mr. Ronald Rivet, Mr. Paul Harrison, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Mr. John Houghton, Mr. Mark Krieger arrived at 5:17 Chief Frank Sylvester, Ms. Cheryl Cronan, Ms. Lesley Heaton.

Mr. Ronald Rivet called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., Tuesday September 09, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2014 MEETING:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2014 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 12, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No Public Input.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the Chief's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Paul Harrison inquired about the grant to the Saylesville Department. Chief Sylvester: They received funds to purchase a new

infrared camera and hose.

Mr. John Houghton inquired about third party billing. Chief Sylvester: Deputy Chief Tucker is looking into third party billing to cover materials used during EMS calls that exceed \$ 400.00.

Mr. John Houghton inquired about the meeting attended by Fire Marshal Tucker. Chief Sylvester: Fire Marshal Tucker and I attended a meeting at the Rehab Board of Appeals on behalf of Tanury Industries.

Mr. Paul Harrison inquired about the Air Compressor: Chief Sylvester: The annual maintenance was done on the air compressor to assure it is operating properly.

Mr. James A. Fredrikson asked for an update on the Fire Marshal. Chief Sylvester: He is recuperating from surgery and doing well. Assistant Fire Marshal Albert Ledoux is doing a fantastic job during the Fire Marshal absence.

Mr. John Houghton stated that the Department did a great job in passing the boot for MDA. Chief Sylvester: Agreed that the Department did a fantastic job and that the total collected was over twelve thousand dollars. Many of the men came in on their own time to pass the boot. I think we are one of the top collectors in this area.

Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired about the training for administering Narcan. Chief Sylvester: Our EMTs are qualified to administer the medication. However, we will have some additional training.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Mark Krieger 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 asked if the verbiage that will appear on the back of the tax bill has always been there. Ms. Heaton: Yes, that is correct.

Ms. Heaton provided an example of the information that will be provided for the new reports required by the State.

Mr. Mark Krieger inquired if we have any mortgage companies that pay fire tax. Ms. Heaton: Yes, we have a few.

Ms. Heaton informed the Board of a large past due account due to a lengthy bankruptcy and asked how they would like her to proceed in collection.

Mr. Ronald Rivet stated that we should look into hiring an attorney that specializes in real estate bankruptcy.

Mr. Mark Krieger states you cannot discharge taxes in bankruptcy. My suggestion is to contact the attorney that conducts our tax sales.

Ms. Heaton asked the Boards opinion on the minimum billing amount pertaining to motor vehicles.

Mr. Ronald Rivet and the other members of the Board agreed to keep the amount the same.

Mr. John Houghton made a motion to remove the homestead exemption from the Allaire property due to the passing of the owner. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the Chief's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

TREASURER IS REPORT:

Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Mark Krieger inquired about the individual having knee surgery. Chief Sylvester: He will be out 3-4 weeks.

Total:

\$ 203,866.79

Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired about a payment to Thomas Conley. Ms. Cronan: It was redemption of a tax sale property.

Mr. Mark Krieger stated that in certain cities and towns they have a statute that allows for the collection of motor vehicle taxes at the closing. I would discuss this with the attorney that conducts the tax sales.

Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired about the payment made for new employee physicals. Chief Sylvester: We will be reimbursed for them from a grant.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the payment of the Vision invoice in the amount of \$ 2340.00 to prepay the postage for the upcoming tax bills. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Mark Krieger, made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$ 203,866.79. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held on how the figures for the revenue summary are calculated.

The line items for the 2014/2015 were reviewed.

There was a discussion of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute fee. Mr. Ronald Rivet stated that we would cover the additional fee for the 2014/2015 fee.

Shipman's will provide us with an invoice for our portion of payment for the new equipment purchased using the grant funds. Invoice to be paid prior to Oct 31, 2014 and applied to line item 4400.

There was a discussion of replacing the 1998 Fire Marshal vehicle. Mr. Ronald Rivet stated that we need to get the approval from the voters to decrease funds from line item 4407 vehicle replacement sinking fund not to exceed the amount of \$ 20000.00 for this purchase and to add the request to the Annual meeting agenda.

Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired about line item 5500 training. Chief Sylvester: We did not send anyone to the National Fire Academy in Maryland this year. We will have the EMT recertification training in

the upcoming year that will come out of that line item.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a discussion about the tax rate, a figure of \$ 2.30 was agreed upon.

Mr. Mark Krieger inquired about an increase to the Commissioners stipend. It was suggested that a \$ 300.00 per year increase per Commissioner to be included in the 2014/2015 budget.

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) the Board of Fire Commissioners will seek to convene to executive session to discuss employment contracts. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voiced their agreement to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated purpose at 7:15 PM.

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 7:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. John Houghton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. James

A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Ronald Rivet Chairman Cheryl A. Cronan

Recording Secretaries