

**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 14, 2015**

**Present: Mr. Ronald Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger arrived at 5:15 PM, Mr. James A. Fredrikson arrived at 5:10 PM, Mr. John Houghton, Mr. Joseph Nadro, Chief Frank Sylvester, Ms. Cheryl Cronan, Ms. Lesley Heaton.**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., Tuesday April 14, 2015.**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2014 MEETING:**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**No Public Input**

## **Special Recognition**

**Fire Fighter Stephen Instasi received an award and commendation for his saving the life of a patron who was choking at Twin River Casino.**

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**Mr. John Houghton made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. Joseph Nadro seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. John Houghton inquired about the roof collapse on a business in the District. Chief Sylvester: I believe the building will be a total loss.**

**Mr. John Houghton inquired about the recent promotion testing. A discussion followed with Chief Sylvester, Deputy Chief Tucker and Union Representatives about the testing results and score calculating.**

**Chief Sylvester stated that Deputy Chief Todd Tucker would be taking over training due to the retirement of Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques.**

**Mr. John Houghton inquired about Chief Sylvester's upcoming interview. Chief Sylvester: I have been invited to be a guest on Straight Talk with host James D'Ambra to discuss the state of the Fire Districts.**

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

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

**Mr. Joseph Nadro made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro inquired about the number of properties going to tax sale. Ms. Heaton stated that she has 37 accounts at this time going to tax sale, but hopes that as the time gets closer more payments will be received.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger inquired about the date of the tax sale. Ms. Heaton stated that it would be held on May 21, 2015**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired the status of the delinquent tax account in bankruptcy. Ms. Heaton responded that there has not been any**

**correspondence back from counsel since the meeting on April 2, 2015.**

**With no further discussion, the Tax Collectors 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. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Ms. Cronan stated that the invoice from VFIS for the accident and sickness policy has been received and provided it to the Commissioners for approval. There was a discussion as to why the premium had increased.**

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

**BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

<b>Payroll Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 03/01/15–03/31/15 in</b>
<b>the amount of \$ 118,031.31</b>	
<b>Interim Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 03/01/15–03/31/15 in</b>
<b>the amount of \$ 41,935.80</b>	
<b>Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 03/01/15–03/31/15 in</b>
<b>the amount of \$ 1,062.83</b>	
<b>Bills for Initial Approval:</b>	<b>dated 03/01/15–03/31/15 in the</b>
<b>amount of \$ -0-</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 161,029.94</b>

**Mr. Mark Krieger, made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$ 161,029.94. Mr. Joseph Nadro seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro made a motion to table the discussion on rules and regulations until next month's meeting.**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all**

**Commissioners in agreement.**

**No correspondence has been received on the cell tower to date.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. John Houghton stated his opinion; those candidates that wish to run for open seats on the Board of Fire Commissioners for Lime Rock Fire District should be required to declare their candidacy prior to the election held at the annual meeting. A discussion followed as to the requirements necessary to change the election process should it be pursued.**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro made a motion to table the discussion on candidacy requirements to a future meeting. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro provided the Board with an update from the committee formed to gather information on the purchase of a new engine.**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro made a motion to proceed with the process to research the purchase of a new engine. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in**

**agreement.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A letter to Chief Sylvester from a taxpayer thanking him and the Department for the good work they do in the District.**

**A letter from the Amalgamated Transit Union was read requesting that both parties set a date for the purpose of negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement.**

**Office of the Adjutant General extends his congratulations in recognition of the 2015 nomination of the Lime Rock Fire District, Secretary of Defense Freedom Award.**

**Chief Frank Sylvester stated that there would be a fundraiser at Twin River to collect donations for a memorial at the site of the Station Night Club tragedy.**

**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. Joseph Nadro seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voiced their agreement to adjourn to**

**Executive Session for the stated purpose at 6:50 PM.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Joseph Nadro seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Mr. Ronald Rivet Chairman    Cheryl A. Cronan**

**Recording Secretaries**