

East Greenwich Fire District

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Date: April 25, 2013

1. The regular monthly meeting of the East Greenwich Fire District was called to order on April 25, 2013, at 7:00p.m., William Daly, Chairman.

a. Chief Henrikson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

2. Members Present

- a. William Daly, Chairman**
- b. Stephen Bartlett, Vice Chairman**
- c. Mark W. Gee, Commissioner**
- d. Mark Schwager, Commissioner**
- e. Philip Higgins, Commissioner**

Other Members Present

- a. Peter Henrikson, Chief**
- b. Russell McGillivray, Deputy Chief-absent**
- c. Kevin Hundley, Treasurer-absent**
- d. Scott Spear, Legal Counsel**
- e. Janice J. Peixinho, Fire District Clerk**

Members Absent: Deputy Chief McGillivray and Kevin Hundley, Treasurer.

3. Commissioner Daly determined a quorum on record.

4. Public Comment

a. Robert Vespia – Shippeetown Road, East Greenwich, RI

Mr. Vespia stated that he disagreed with the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. The changes consisted of any person who has an interest in serving must apply through the Nominating Committee and only those people who have applied through the Nominating Committee may be nominated from the floor. He stated that this takes away the little rights that people have to vote. Also, he stated that people have been complaining about the legal rights of the people to apply for a Commissioners position. No other discussion.

5. Public Hearing

a. Proposed Amendments to the EGFD By-Laws Section 16 a) and b)

Mr. Spear stated that with the merger or acquisition proposed to take place and because of timing it does not makes sense to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Gee 1st, moved to withdraw the item from the agenda

and to postpone the motion, Commissioner Bartlett 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Treasurer's Report (refer to Year to Date: 03/31/2013)

The Treasurer did not attend the meeting. The Chief presented the report and the Commissioners accepted as presented.

The report presented stated that the current tax collections totaled \$3,450,422.00 through April 15, 2013. There is approximately \$79,000.00 or 2.4% still uncollected.

Expenses: Overtime is up significantly due to District holding off on hiring replacement. Life Insurance – The union life insurance of \$8,112.00 was not carried forward, service agreement showed that the check for a new copier lease was not credited to the account. Also, the District has excess revenues over expenses through March of approximately \$206,000.00.

Commissioner Bartlett stated that Councilman Isaacs has stated that once the legislature is approved for the Fire District to merge into the Town, that there will be not Treasurer, no Legal Counsel. Commissioner Gee had concerns about adopting a budget for the Fire District. There were a number of concerns regarding the

transferring of funds for the over expenditures, the buying of the land for the new fire station, and the cost of overtime being spent. Commissioner Gee asked that the Treasurer be directed to look over the budget and to inform the Commissioners where the allocation of the funds for overtime will come from. Also, Commissioner Higgins questioned the collateral pay and if the Commissioners could rescind the MOU for dispatch. A brief discussion took place regarding the MOU and the issue of notification. No vote or decision. No other discussion.

Commissioner Bartlett 1st moved to approve the Treasurers report as submitted, Commissioner Gee 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

b. Chief's Report (Refer to Chief's report dated: April 19, 2019)

The Chief's report consisted of:

- Manpower Readiness Levels (Lt. Warner will return to full duty next week)**
- Safety Officer (New protective gear purchased and delivered)**
- Planning Committee (No report)**
- Capital Projects (Town Officials have completed floor RFP)**

Commissioner Bartlett 1st moved to approve the "RFP" for engineering and designing services for the replacement of the

concrete floor at Station one (1), Commissioner Gee 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

- Incidents (No report)**
- Apparatus (Rescue 1 sent to minuteman for warranty work)**
- Training (EMS review of EKG rhythms)**
- Dive Time (Marine 1 removed from the water, bottom painted and maintenance on motor done, thanks to FF Ryan Grady)**

Commissioners asked that the Chief send a letter of thank-you to FF Grady.

- EMS (No report)**
- General (Received fence quote for \$5,400.00 budget was for \$8,000.00)**

The Chief stated that he had received three (3) bids for the fencing.

- Personnel-related matters (No report)**
- Monthly Statistics for March 2013 (Report attached)**

Commissioner Gee requested that the report regarding the overtime be given as he had received in the past. The report showed from last year to current.

The Chief stated that Mr. Duarte, from the Town did a complete walk through of all the buildings and grounds. Mr. Duarte stated that the properties were in “good shape”. Also, the Chief stated that he has met with Ms. Raposa, Finance Director and Lisa, the Town Planner. In

addition, the Chief stated he has received all the equipment back from the City of Warwick with the exception of one (1) item. No other discussion.

Also, Mr. Spear stated that Mr. Sequino would like a meeting to discuss the District's Administrative personnel. Commissioner Daly asked about the Chief's secretary position. Mr. Spear stated that he has all this in a memo for the Town. Commissioner Gee would like a report for two (2) years to date on the overtime, sick, vacation etc.; also, Commissioner Bartlett would like a copy of the report that was being sent to Mr. Sequino.

Commissioner Bartlett 1st moved to approve the Chief's report as presented, Commissioner Schwager 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

7. New Business

a. Discuss and Vote upon what action, if any, to deny the abatement of Stanley

Bostitch for Fire District taxes - Map 36 Plat 16 Lot 36 for years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The Commissioner stated that there was no need to take a vote on the

Stanley Bostitch matter, because there was no request to the Fire District on the adjustment.

b. Approve the Additions \$2,049.22 and Abatements \$1,250.25 as presented by the Clerk.

Commissioner Bartlett 1st, moved to approve the abatements of \$1,250.25 and the additions of \$2,049.22 as presented by the Clerk, Commissioner Gee 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

c. Approve the abatement of \$423.57, for the 2012 Fire District tax in the name of Ashley Realty Inc., 3116 South County Trail, EG. This property was used for training purposes.

Commissioner Gee 1st, moved to approve the abatement for Ashley Realty in the amount of \$423.57, Commissioner Bartlett 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

8. Old Business:

a. Discuss and Vote upon what action, if any, regarding disability pension benefits

update from Legal Counsel. Tabled for Executive Session next month under 42-46-5(a)(4). Clerk was asked to put on the agenda for next month.

b. Impact Fee adjustment for Ashley Realty, 3116 South County Trl.

Mr. Spear stated the adjustment for the impact fee for Ashley Realty was covered in the Impact Fee Ordinance Section 8 (b) 2.

Commissioner Bartlett 1st, moved to adjust the impact Fee for Ashley Realty, 3116 South County Trl, due to the use of the property for “fire training purposes”, Commissioner Schwager 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

c. Purchase and Sale Agreement for the land.

The Chief stated that Mr. Spear has drafted a proposal to extend the agreement. No other discussion.

9. Minutes of the previous meetings

a. Approve March 28, 2013

Commissioner Bartlett 1st moved to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting as presented by the Clerk, Commissioner Schwager

2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

10. Public Comment

Robert Vespia – Shippeetown Road, stated that he did not like the comment regarding “milking the system. He asked that words be used more diplomatically. Also, he asked about the Chief’s vehicle being lettered so that the public would know when the Chief is responding to an emergency incident.

11. Executive Session - none

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Bartlett 1st moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06p.m., Commissioner Gee 2nd, Vote 5-0, Gee-yes, Bartlett-yes, Daly-yes, Higgins-yes and Schwager-yes, Unanimously Accepted, motion carried.

Attest:

A True copy:

Respectfully submitted,

Janice J. Peixinho

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EGF District Clerk