

Minutes

Kingston Fire District
Board of Wardens' Meeting
24 September 2009

Call to Order: President McNab called the Board of Wardens' Meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Also present were Wardens Donald Cobb and Vincent Rose, Tax Collector Linda Mendillo and Chief Nathan Barrington. Not in attendance were URI Safety Director Bob Drapeau, Wardens Lori Horton and Robert Ferraro and Deputy Chief Keith Notarianni. No one from the public was in attendance. Treasurer Thomas Vignali arrived at 7:35 pm.

Motion: Cobb made and McNab seconded a motion to accept the Minutes from the August 27, 2009 meeting.

Secretary's Report: The August 27, 2009 Secretary's Report/Minutes was presented and reviewed. No discussion was held.

Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report: The September 10, 2009 Secretary's Report/Minutes was presented and discussion was held. An amendment/correction to the format of the Minutes was discussed and corrections were made.

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to accept, with corrections to the format, the Minutes of the September 10, 2009 Workshop.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Cobb made and Rose seconded a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Mendillo presented the report and the report was reviewed. Tax Collector Mendillo brought up the tax roll and asked if it was necessary to get the entire print out or if there is an alternate way of looking at it if necessary. It was brought up that the Tax Assessors review it and check to make sure information is accurate but it may not be necessary to have the entire print out at the KFD office that they may be able to go to Town Hall to do the same. Warden Rose asked when abatements are done and Tax Collector Mendillo informed the Board that they are currently being worked on along with any balances being brought forward from the previous year(s).

Motion passed unanimously.

URI Report: No URI report was presented.

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to accept the Chief's Report.

Chiefs' Report: Chief Barrington presented a written report from himself and another from Deputy Chief Notarianni, which was reviewed. Discussion was held that the Decon Team Report/Up-date is to be considered part of the Chief's report, as are any reports from the Officers of the KVFC, if presented. In response to a portion of the Chief's report regarding a sub-poena that was issued in connection with the French Road Fire, Warden Cobb questioned why the Chief thought that there may be a chance that we would named in a law suit. Chief Barrington replied, because we were there. With regard to the portion of the Chief's report where the equipment funds were mentioned Warden Cobb asked why the Equipment budget has been affected thus far and Chief Barrington's reply was that it was due to the repairs on Ladder 2. Warden Rose, in referring to the Decontamination Team Update, asked about Hagimire Fire Equipment. Chief Barrington gave a brief summary of the company and mentioned that their pricing has vastly improved over the years.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Vignali presented the report and the report was reviewed. No questions were raised.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Donation: President McNab suggested that a One Hundred 00/100 Dollar (\$100.00) donation to the Volunteers of South County Hospital in memory of George Fiddes be made from the Wardens' Discretionary Fund.

Motion: Cobb made and Rose seconded a motion to make a One Hundred 00/100 Dollar (\$100.00) donation to the Volunteers of South County Hospital in memory of George Fiddes from the Wardens' Discretionary Fund.

Motion passed unanimously.

Award: Discussion was held regarding creating a "Pickles" Award. Chief Barrington brought up that there should be a plaque. A few ideas of what the award should be for were discussed, such as, meritorious service, mentoring, duty above and beyond the call and to also, possibly, have the award include firefighters outside of the KFD.

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to table the award until the next monthly meeting so as to come up with a more concrete award.

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Policies up for approval/adoption:

Residents Contract: The Residents Contract had been posted and there were no written requests to question or change the policy from any KVFC members. Upon looking at the policy again at this meeting there were a few minor changes made.

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to adopt the Residents Contract with changes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Policies and Guidelines Statement: The Adoption of Policies and Guidelines Statement had been posted and there were no written requests to question or change the policy from any KVFC members. There were changes made.

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to revise and re-post the Adoption of Policies and Guidelines Statement.

Motion passed unanimously.

Appeals Board: The Appeals Board policy had been posted and there were no written requests to question or change the policy from any KVFC members. .

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to adopt the Appeals Board policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ladder 2 Response: The Ladder 2 Response had been posted and there were no written requests to question or change the policy from any KVFC members. Discussion was held that this was a notification only and not something that was to be policy.

Motion: Cobb made and Rose seconded a motion to remove from policy Ladder 2 Response (Supplement to Ladder Co. Response 40-016-08-13).

Motion passed unanimously.

Safety Operation of Aerial Platform: The Safety Operation of Aerial Platform had been posted and there were no written requests to question or change the policy from any KVFC members. There were a few minor changes made.

Motion: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to adopt the Safety Operation of Aerial Platform (Supplement to Ladder Co. Response 40-016-08-13) with changes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Review and vote on policies

Personal Protective Equipment: Chief Barrington requested that at this time the draft of the policy be withdrawn and it will be re-submitted at a later date.

Alcohol Consumption at the Fire Station: The policy was reviewed again and there was further discussion regarding it complying with the URI Alcohol policy as well, alternate containers and storage. There were changes made.

Motion: Cobb made and Rose seconded a motion to approve and post Alcohol Consumption at the Fire Station 50-005-09-14, as revised.

Motion passed unanimously.

Communications: There were no communications presented.

Information:

Chief Barrington provided information about a memorial ceremony and parade to be held September 27, 2009 for A. LePage.

President McNab talked about a call that KFD went to that involved a computer at a resident's home...the homeowner was very pleased.

It was noted to be sure to add to the October Wardens' Monthly meeting agenda that the Auditors would be making their presentation. Also, to add to the December Wardens' Monthly meeting to have the current Probationary Firefighters introduced to the Wardens and to have any Firefighters who have recently come off probation be acknowledged.

Motion: Cobb made and Rose seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Hall
Office Manager