

Kingston Fire District
Finance Committee Meeting
October 23, 2014

DRAFT - Minutes

Call to Order: Warden Sciabarrasi called the KFD Finance Committee Meeting to order at the Kingston Fire Station at 9:35 a.m. Present were KFD Warden Ina Sciabarrasi, Director of URI Public Safety Stephen Baker, KFD Chief Nate Barrington and KFD District Manager Jodi Hall.

Absent: KFD Treasurer Carleen Lefebvre and VP Business Services J. Vernon Wyman. There was no one from the public.

Information/Comments/Questions from the Public: There was no one from the public present.

Treasurer's Report: Lefebvre was not present but did provide a report. The members reviewed and approved the report. There were no further comments.

Approval of Minutes: The members present reviewed and approved the Minutes of the last meeting on September 18, 2014.

New Business:

- **URI land to private company to build hotel:** Barrington requested that KFD be involved in the discussions with regard to this matter. Discussion was held on the tax impact it could have. There were no further comments.

Old Business:

- **Budget Projections:** Barrington wants to make sure that URI is okay with the current budget projections. Barrington requested that URI consider doing a straight 50/50 split with regard to the Ladder Debt Service payment, currently KFD pays a little more than 50%. The additional funds which would be around \$2000 would be applied to recruitment and retention. Barrington informed the Committee that the Radio Service Contract expires the end of this month and the KFD Attorney advises that we should send out RFPs and not just extend with the current company. Barrington explained that there really aren't any companies that can do the service. The Committee agreed to the Attorney's recommendation. We will be sending RFPs to CyberComm and Industrial Communications. Baker said he would check with Josh if there is another company although he believes they work with CyberComm. Barrington informed the Committee that at the Wardens Meeting to be held tonight, 10/23/14, he would talk about the generator that was installed at the Tefft Hill Tower site. Verbal discussion was had with the Kingston Water District that KFD and UFD would each pay a third of the cost. The original estimate came in around \$6000 however; the final cost is around \$7500 as the Water District included the cost of the fuel with it. Barrington recommends that we do pay the extra, as UFD will as well, as the generator does have great value to us, especially during storms so we do not have to send a crew there to put a temporary generator. There were no further comments.
- **URI Agreement:** Barrington said the 2 year budget projections will be used when negotiating the Agreement with URI. The current Agreement expires June 30, 2015

- Baker advised that there will be a meeting set for additional work to be done at Fraternity Circle. He had noted that KFD was not included and asked that KFD be included. He will inform Barrington when a meeting is set as well.

Next Meetings:

- TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Hall
District Manager

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