

ALBION FIRE DISTRICT, INC.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Allen Commissioner Michael Napolitano

**Commissioner Daniel Adamski Commissioner Anthony Leone
Chief Richard Andrews Deputy Chief Valentine Attorney Louis
DeSimone Treasurer Raymond Neves
Tax Collector David Almond**

ABSENT: Commissioner Sharon Remillard

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman Michael Allen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2016 Meeting made by a Motion by Commissioner Leone, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 4-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS: There being no questions on this month's bills, Commissioner Adamski made a Motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by Commissioner Leone. Motion passed 4-0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collections for period 6/15/2016 to 7/12/2016 \$10,198.95 Collections for period 11/01/2015 to 7/12/2016 \$1,036,801.64. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report made by Commissioner Napolitano, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer presented his reports for the month and year to date May 31, 2016. Commissioner Leone made a Motion to accept the May reports, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 4-0. The Treasurer presented his reports for the month and year to date June 30, 2016. Commissioner Napolitano made a Motion to accept the June reports, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 4-0.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Andrews presented his report for the Month of June during which the department responded to 108 incidents with 79 in Albion and 29 Mutual Aid. The Chief detailed inspections for the month.

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Training Hours for the month were 118 with YTD hours 1011. Chief Andrews reviewed Equipment and Station Maintenance for the month.

The Chief advised that the department has been notified by Senator

Jack Reed's Office that we have been awarded a grant from "Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program" in the amount of \$121,753 for the replacement of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Motion to accept the Chief's report made by Commissioner Adamski, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney DeSimone advised that the matter of the Attorney General's Complaint is still pending.

Attorney DeSimone advised that VFIS is still reviewing our claim.

Regarding Unemployment Funds, Attorney DeSimone advised that we are still awaiting verification of funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion ensued regarding the matter of whether we should modify the By-Laws to eliminate the requirement to mail written notification to residents of the date and location of our Annual Meeting 14 days prior to the meeting date. This is in addition to notices being posted in eight (8) locations in Town as well as a newspaper block ad. This mailing is an expense to the taxpayers with questionable return. The proposed alternative would be to have a large "sandwich board" sign

fabricated which would be placed in front of the fire station indicating the date and location of the meeting. Commissioner Napolitano made a Motion to place this item on the Agenda for this year's Annual Meeting with the decision left to the taxpayers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Leone. Motion passed 4-0.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Correspondence: An APRA request was received which should have been sent to the Lincoln Rescue.

The originator was advised and they requested that we not forward the request to the Rescue Service but rather that they will issue a new request directly to the Rescue Service.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Leone made a Motion to enter into Executive Session under RIGL42-46-5(a)2 for discussion of collective bargaining, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 4-0.

Open Session closed at 7:25 p.m.

Commissioner Napolitano made a Motion to reopen the Open Session at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 4-0.

No votes were taken during Executive Session except to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of May 10, 2016. Commissioner

Leone made a Motion to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 4-0.

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Motion to close the Open Session made by Commissioner Adamski, seconded by Commissioner Leone.

Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Lois E. Moore

District Clerk