

The Warden's of the Saylesville Fire District met on December 12, 2013 at the Saylesville Fire Station. Present were Warden's Ernest Lacombe, Craig Wilson, Robert Ferioli and David Sale. Deputy Chief Robert Fisher, Treasurer Raymond Neves, Tax Collector David Almond and Clerk Barbara Ferioli. Also in attendance was Town Administrator T. Joseph Almond, Captain Alan Laird and Brian Shay.

Motion was made by Robert Ferioli and seconded by Jan Smolan to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Craig Wilson and seconded by Robert Ferioli to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$35,109.50. Motion passed.

Treasurer Raymond Neves reported that as of November 30, 2013 the total liquid assets of the Saylesville Fire District are \$404,616.15. The last reconciliation of the Blackstone River Federal Credit Union was as of October 31, 2013 and the Citizens account was as of November 30, 2013 with no discrepancies in the accounts. Motion to approve by Robert Ferioli and seconded by Jan Smolan. Motion passed. A copy of report on file with the Clerk.

Tax Collector's report was given by David Almond. \$90,114.91 had been collected between November 15, 2013 and December 12, 2013. \$679,329 has been collected between January 1 and December 12.

2013. Motion to approve the report by David Sale and seconded by Robert Ferioli. Motion passed. Copy of the report on file with the Clerk.

The Chief's report was presented by Deputy Robert Fisher. Deputy Fisher also said that 87.1% of the current budget has been expended at this time Motion was made by Robert Ferioli and seconded by Jan Smolan to approve Chief's report.

Copy of report on file with the Clerk.

Motion was made by Robert Ferioli and seconded by Craig Wilson to allow Atty.

Lou Desimone to put together legislation for a Charter Amendment allowing for a tiered tax rate for Saylesville Fire District. The legislation will be introduced when the new session of the State Legislature convenes in January.

Town Administrator J. Joseph Almond addressed the Warden's concerning the proposed consolidation of the Albion, Saylesville and Lonsdale Fire Districts. The last consolidation attempt failed but the Town Administrator feels that the timing is right for the three districts to start talking again. He feels that the timing is right and the door is open for a merge to take place in two years.

With the merger a new board would be elected to represent each district.

Town Administrator Almond said that trust should be put in a new board to treat employees fairly. He said that there would not be any monetary savings but there would be long term stabilization that would be fair and positive. He urged the Board of Warden's to keep pushing and call for meetings. He said that he is looking for a joint meeting of Albion, Saylesville and Lonsdale board and that he will ask Lonsdale to have a special meeting so that he can address their board.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Craig Wilson and seconded by Robert Ferioli.

Motion passed.

**Respectfully submitted,
F. Barbara Ferioli, Clerk**