

The Wardens of the Saylesville Fire District met on January 8, 2015 at the Saylesville Fire Station. The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Ernest Lacombe. Present were Warden;s Ernest Lacombe, Robert Ferioli, David Sale and Jan Smolan. Deputy Chief Robert Fisher, Treasurer Raymond Neves, Tax Collector David Almond and Clerk Barbara Ferioli.

Motion was made by Robert Ferioli and seconded by Jan Smolan with the reading of the minutes of the December meeting. Motion passed. Motion made by Robert Ferioli and seconded by David Sale to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Motion passed.

Motion made by Jan Smolan and seconded by Robert Ferioli to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$73,976.64. Motion passed.

Treasurer Raymond Neves reported that as of December 31,2014 the total liquid assets of the Saylesville Fire District are \$429,354.99. The last reconciliation of the Blackstone River Federal Credit Union was as of November 30, 2014 with no discrepancies in the account. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by David Sale and seconded by Robert Ferioli. Motion passed. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Tax Collectors report was given by David Almond. \$20,262.49 was collected between January 12, 2014 and January 8, 2015. \$5099 was

collected between January 1, 2015 and January 8, 2015. Motion to approve the Tax Collectors Report made by Robert Ferioli and seconded by Jan Smolan. Motion passed. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Deputy Chief Fisher presented the Chiefs report. Motion to approve the report as presented by David Sale and seconded by Jan Smolan. Motion passed. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Deputy Chief Fisher reported that he had sent a copy of the 2015 budget to the Rhode Island Department of Revenue on December 30,2014 as required by law.

Deputy Fisher reviewed the proposed 2015 tax rate. There is a proposed \$.04 increase in the residential tax rate. That would be a 2.5% increase,

Cayer & Caccia's charge for a compilation report this year would be \$2900.00 which is \$100.00 more than last year. The annual report is a requirement of USDA. Motion was made by Robert Ferioli and seconded by Jan Smolan to award the contract to Cayer and Caccia. Motion passed.

Deputy Chief Fisher reported that Cayer and Caccia recommended that a review level audit be done for any Fire District that we may be considering to consolidate with. The cost of the review level financial

report would cost between \$8,000.00 to \$15,000.00 depending on the last time the financial records had been audited. Cayer & Caccia can review the documents with the Board to assist in determining the fiscal health of any district that we may be considering consolidating with at a cost of \$200.00 an hour. The Board agreed with the recommendation by Cayer and Caccia.

The Board will make a request of the Lonsdale Fire district to provide a review level financial report prior to the consolidation talks moving forward. Deputy Chief Fisher sated he had requested a meeting thru Deputy Chief Ryan to review the content of the letter dated December 15, 2014. The request was made on December 23 and as of this meeting no response from the Lonsdale Fire District.

Deputy Chief Fisher reported that the Town of Lincoln is going forward with a consolidation study conducted by Matrix.

An ad will be in the Valley Breeze on January 22, 2015 asking if anyone is interested in running for the position of Warden at the annual meeting on March 2, 2015. Robert Ferioli and Craig Wilson's terms are up this year.

Approval was given to Deputy Chief Fisher to research opening an account at the Shell Gas Station for gas/fuel for District vehicles.

Copies of Overnight Shift Qualifications and Call Firefighter Shift

Minimum Qualifications were given to the Warden's for review.

Copies are on file with the Clerk.

Atty. Lou Desimone will ask Rep. Jay O'Grady to submit the charter update request from 2014 to be submitted to the 2015 legislative session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. by Robert Feerioli and seconded by Jan Smolan.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Barbara Ferioli

Clerk