

**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING  
OF THE  
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

**May 21, 2014**

**The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, at 4:30 p.m. on May 21, 2014.**

**Members present were: Marilyn Bellesheim, Leone D'Onofrio, Mary Delisio, Louis Misto, Russell Ryan, Michelle Vacca and Dianne Vumback. John Toscano, Solicitor, was also present. Member absent: William Sisco.**

**A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Louis Misto to accept the Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2013 with one correction.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2013 with one correction. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to accept the Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2013.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2013. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Marilyn Bellesheim and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to accept the Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2013 with one correction.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2013 with one correction. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Russ Ryan to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2014 with one correction.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2014 with one correction. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2014.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2014. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Mary Delisio to accept the Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2014 with a few corrections.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2014 with a few corrections. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2014 with one correction.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2014 with one correction. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**The meeting began with a brief discussion by the Moderator of the email received from the State of Rhode Island. She requested board members read at their leisure, we will discuss at the next meeting.**

**Printing is with Colin at Printing Plus – signage for the buildings, pamphlets, etc.**

## **Budget**

- Latest budget information is dated 5/15/14**
- Named a committee with Marshall Adams as Finance Chair**
- Russ brought information over to Marsh – however, Marshall was in**

## **New Mexico**

- **Walter Powelkevich – became the committee of one**
- **Future charter change – eliminate the step of a finance committee**
- **One number wrong on last profit and loss – difference of +\$638.00 under item #340bb**
- **Board will need to reconvene once William Sisco returns**
- **The meeting date will be Friday at 7:00 on May 30th**

## **Fire Chief**

- **Springfest – no issues**
- **All inspections and licenses up to par for the district.**
- **Gene does not have his food trailer, but his whole bar set up – needs trailer to serve liquor.**
- **Health and Safety Fair on June 17th at the Station. Doctors, State Police, roll over machine, health and taking care of the body, etc. for the fire department members.**
- **Chief read his resignation letter.**

**A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Leone D’Onofrio to accept the resignation of Louis Misto as Fire Chief effective May 21, 2014.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the resignation of Louis Misto as Fire Chief effective May 21, 2014. (Bellesheim, D’Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**The Moderator states that in light of the department's endorsement, she would like to appoint Shannon Earle as Fire Chief. All board members agreed and supported the moderator decision in acknowledging the fire chief's and the fire department members' endorsement. Former Fire Chief passed the Chief Fire Hat and radio over to the new MFD Fire Chief Earle.**

**Fire Chief Earle provided a snap shot where we are now, and where we want to be in the future.**

**As a board we should meet to do a five and ten year plan.**

**The Moderator called Panciera insurance company – placed a builders' risk policy on the building to cover us. As for flood insurance – the company can write that for us but we need a certified evaluation certificate. Moderator is anxious about getting flood insurance on the building.**

- Benson Beach will open June 14th at earliest.**
- Water and electric needs to be hooked up.**
- Floors are down – fixtures have to go in, wallboard, etc.**
- Portable potties and a dumpster for Benson have been arranged.**
- Clark and Benson Beaches will be open.**
- Lawton will have a sign that states the beach is closed. Orange fence will block off construction zone. There will be no parking at**

**Lawton.**

- **Lifeguard chairs on the beaches – painted red**
- **Clark Farms – went to turn the water on, cross members on the fence were in the way of the faucet. Rails were taken off the fence to turn the water on.**

**As for the Annual Meeting, we need volunteers, voter ID cards; we will give out resident passes that day, but not parking passes. Leone created individual packets of addresses for use that day.**

### **Tax Collector**

- **\$22,000 collected from recent arrears mailing**
- **\$21,335 uncollected – all years**
- **Over budget by \$36,961**
- **Sent out \$675,000 in bills and got back \$657,000 for 2013**

### **Tax Assessor**

- **Planning to decrease the tax rate for upcoming year**
- **Discussion over the Misquamicut Fire District/Watch Hill property line.**

### **New Business**

- **Updated DRAFT for MFD Annual Meeting**
- **Firemen's incentive committee did meet and there are no changes to the Firemen's Incentive. To be reviewed next year.**

## **Action Items**

- **Add action items to old business on agenda for updating processing.**
- **Discussion over webpage stipend**

**A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Russ Ryan to include a \$500 stipend for the webmaster of the MFD.**

**VOTED: That the Board include a \$500 stipend for the webmaster of the MFD.**

**(Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at June 30, at 6:24 p.m. all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting is set for May 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dianne Vumback**

**Clerk**