

# **MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS**

**January 10, 2015**

### **1. Call to Order**

**The Board of Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to Order by Moderator Michelle Vacca at 9:25 a.m. on January 10, 2015.**

### **2. Roll Call**

**The following Officers were present: Moderator Michelle Vacca, Tax Collector Mary Delisio, Treasurer William T. Sisco, Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio, Fire Chief Todd Findeisen and Members-at-Large Marilyn Bellesheim and Russell Ryan. Clerk Dianne T. Vumback arrived at 9:30 a.m. Solicitor John P. Toscano, Jr. was absent.**

### **3. Resident Comments/Officers' Responses**

**None.**

## **4. Consent Calendar**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Upon motion duly made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Bellesheim to accept the meeting minutes of November 8, 2014, and it was unanimously,**

**VOTED: To accept the meeting minutes of November 8, 2014.**

### **Appointment and Resignations**

**Shannon Earle resigned as Fire Chief in December. The Moderator appointed the First Deputy Chief, Todd Findeisen, to the position of Fire Chief for the Misquamicut Fire District.**

## **5. New Business**

### **(a) Discussion – Fire Apparatus**

**A discussion ensued over the current state of the fire truck 202. It**

**was purchased in 1992, making it 23 years old and it is time to replace it. The intention of the committee will be to make a recommendation to the taxpayers in June with pricing and specifications. As mutual aid has been coming from Dunn's Corner and Watch Hill, a discussion was had over whether there is a need for a fire truck with a ladder.**

**Fire Chief Findeisen mentioned that computers (\$2,862.00) were purchased and Firefighter II training sessions expenses were incurred and need to be reimbursed by the District.**

## **6. Unfinished Business**

### **(a) Discussion – National Grid Energy Survey**

**Discussion ensued on how to move this forward. Fire Chief Findeisen will find out what the prices is if we participate in this program and report back to the board at our next meeting.**

### **(b) Discussion – Electronic Gates for two parking lots**

**A donation was received by the Haviland Family to the Misquamicut Fire District in the amount of \$7,500 to be earmarked in the 2015-2016 budget for an electronic gate for the Lawton Avenue Beach. See attached letter.**

## **(b) Discussion – Replacement of Memorial Bench at Lawton Avenue Beach**

The memorial bench that was previously placed at the Lawton Avenue beach that was damaged during Super Storm Sandy has been replaced by the Bellesheim family. A discussion ensued to ensure that the placement of the memorial bench will not affect the flow of traffic to the beach.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Vumback to allow the replacement of the memorial bench on Lawton Avenue that was damaged during Super Storm Sandy, and it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** To allow the replacement of the memorial bench on Lawton Avenue that was damaged during Super Storm Sandy.

## **7. Communications and Reports**

### **(a) Report of Treasurer William T. Sisco**

Report filed

Discussion ensued over additional FEMA reimbursement and the

**required paperwork that needs to be forwarded to FEMA.**

**(b) Report of Tax Collector Mary Z. Delisio**

**1. Status of Taxpayer arrearages**

**To date, \$436,000 has been collected, \$457,000 billed. The \$436,000 includes arrears, with about \$40,000 outstanding from past years and current years. There is under \$8,000 due for current year taxes. The Tax Collector will send out arrears bills on March 1, 2015.**

**(c) Report of Fire Chief Todd Findeisen**

**The fire department responded to 12 calls last month. Additionally, extrications training, use of gas meters and hot stick training took place. There was maintenance on the dehumidifier in the basement. In terms of budget items, there will be a need to upgrade the digitizers, estimated cost of \$15,000.**

**(c) Report of Moderator Michelle M. Vacca**

**The Moderator explained that the replacement of the boiler at the fire station caused an over expenditure of \$7,250 we didn't expect. Additionally, come spring, the removal of the tank outside will cost \$3,000.**

**The tractor is in need of major repair, after just paying \$3,000-\$4,000 in early spring. Currently the tractor is at Fix Right Repair and the motor/engine needs to be replaced/repared (scored cylinders and broken piston rings). Estimated cost to fix the tractor is \$9,000.**

**Discussion ensued as to whether to repair the 20 year-old tractor or purchase a new piece of equipment.**

**Upon motion duly made by Mr. D'Onofrio and seconded by Mr. Sisco to not make the repairs on the tractor, return it to the fire station and put it out for sale, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: To not make the repairs on the tractor, return it to the fire station and put it out for sale.**

**Upon motion duly made by Mr. D'Onofrio and seconded by Fire Chief Findeisen a committee will be formed to look at the cost of a new tractor, the capabilities of the new tractor and the financing available, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: a committee will be formed to look at the cost of a new tractor, the capabilities of the new tractor and the financing available.**

## **8. Agenda Referrals**

**The following items are referred to the next Board meeting under the agenda item of New Business:**

**(a) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held January 10, 2015**

**(b) Discussion of the pricing and specifications of the tractor**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Officers of the Misquamicut Fire District will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

## **9. Adjournment**

**There being no further business before the Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting is hereby adjourned.**

**ADJOURNED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dianne T. Vumback, Clerk**