

**OF
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT
180 BEACH ST.
WESTERLY, RI 02891
AUGUST 5, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 7:00 pm. Asst. Chief Trebisacci was absent. Also present were 2nd Asst. Foreman Dwayne Baker of the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. # 1 along with Prospective Candidate Doug Henderson.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Motion to table the approval of the minutes of the July 31, 2014 special meeting by Asst. Chief Fusaro until after candidate was interviewed, Chief Mackay tabled the minutes.

An interview was conducted with a prospective candidate for the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. #1, Douglas Henderson. Mr. Henderson was introduced by 2nd Asst. Foreman Dwayne Baker. The Board reviewed standards of conduct and expectations for the candidate. He was welcomed aboard. Mr. Henderson and 2nd Asst. Baker left the meeting.

Asst. Chief Fusaro amended the minutes of the special meeting of

July 31, 2014 to note the price from Cagin Concrete had been \$105,000.00. Motion made by Asst. Chief Fusaro, seconded by Asst. Chief Morrone to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2014 special meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Fusaro, seconded by Asst. Chief Morrone to pay the bills of the evening. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0. The following bills were paid;

ConnRi 402	262.25
AT&T 403	41.54
Mcquade\'s Ace 407	84.36
Ginger\'s Service Station 501	452.00
Ginger\'s Service Station 502	938.07
Ginger\'s Car Wash, Inc 504	16.00
Paul Cornelius 504	350.00
Westerly Auto Parts 504	239.84
Quill.com 1500	364.93
Westerly Postmaster 1500	49.00

Asst. Chief Fusaro requested \$35,000.00 in the proposed for the Reserve Account be redirected to the SCBA Account increasing this line to \$50,000.00 so we can begin the replacement of outdated air masks and air bottles. Board members discussed the need to replace 62 air bottles due to them reaching their service life with in the next 2 years.

Asst. Chief Fusaro discussed the presentation by Target Online Training Solutions. He stated he would like to set this up so it will begin January 2015. He stated many of the classes members need to take yearly could be accomplished via the internet. The initial cost would be \$89.00 per person plus an initial fee of \$395.00. The cost could be offset if we entered into a 5 year contract and provided our membership to the International Association of Fire Chiefs. This cost would be about \$6000.00.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported he would have a count tomorrow for the RI Fire Chiefs' Clambake. He expected it to be no more than 10 people.

Asst. Chief Morrone asked if the Board of Engineers would be inviting additional guests to the Department Clambake. The Board's consensus was to keep it the same.

Asst. Chief Morrone stated he would like to discuss the Ashaway FAST team proposal at the next meeting. He needed more time to review it.

Asst. Chief Morrone discussed the recent changes to the laws and rules governing fire districts. He felt it was important to move the District forward with the needed changes. He asked Chief Mackay to ask District Moderator Joseph Potter to appoint a Charter Revision Committee so as to begin this process after the Annual Meeting.

Chief Mackay will speak to the Moderator.

Asst. Chief Morrone brought to the Board's attention many members were putting fire department plates on family members' cars. He felt this was a bad precedent and stated only active and life members should have these plates. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated the Department could purchase them and issue them as we do badges and other equipment.

Chief Mackay announced he would be sending specifications for the rescue truck to the following companies; E-One, Pierce, EVI. Rosenbauer, SVI, Ferrara, Hackney, Rescue 1, and Marion.

Chief Mackay reported a request was received from Carlos Diaz of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1 to use the Seagrave and Ahrens Fox for his wedding in September. The Board denied the request due to the fact the Ahrens Fox would be getting repairs. The Board did give permission for the wedding party to take photos with the Seagrave in and around the Station.

Chief Mackay advised the Westerly Hospital fire alarm would be out of service for the next several days for upgrading. A fire watch would be posted. He advised Westerly Hospital that all major work needed to be completed by Friday August 8, 2014.

Agenda for the next meeting

Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro Jr.