

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS
OF
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT
180 BEACH ST.
WESTERLY, RI 02891
JANUARY 26, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 6:57 pm. Asst. Chief Trebisacci was absent.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to pay the bills of the evening. Chief Mackay questioned a bill from the RI Fire Academy for \$375.00. Asst. Chief Fusaro thought we paid the bill. Asst. Chief Morrone amended his motion to pay all bills upon review of the RI Fire Academy bill for prior payment. Motion passed as amended unanimously, 3-0. The following bills were paid:

Blue Butterfly Florist, LLC 100 100.00

Nigrelli's Jewelry & Sons, Inc 100 125.00

Westerly Firefighters Hand Tub Assn. 100 2,224.00

Hope Air Systems, LLC 402 570.64

Office Depot 402 68.37

The Granite Group 402 36.79

The Home Depot 402 64.79

Unifirst 402 38.74
Cox Business 403 300.56
Verizon 403 331.03
The Home Depot 504 21.29
Joseph Fusaro, Jr. 801 11.45
State of RI-(use of Academy) 802 375.00
Fire Tech & Safety of NE, Inc. 1202 196.00
Shipmans Fire Equipment 1204 363.15
Ocean State Urgent Care 1205 60.00
FedEx 1500 36.38
Office Depot 1500 36.78
Westerly Postmaster 1500 147.00
Cox Business 1700 29.04
Hy-Viz Incorporated 1700 357.80
McQuade's Marketplace 1700 255.21
Lexis Nexis 1800 73.08
Hoyt Filippetti & Malaghan LLC 2300 11,750.00
Cox Business 2700 100.00
Bill's Tractor Service 3300 199.99
Shipmans Fire Equipment 3300 15.70
The Home Depot 3300 503.56
Verizon 9400 110.39

Asst. Chief Fusaro discussed fire at 31 Canal St. Foam operations and master stream operations need to be considered. He also

recommended using a straight bore nozzle for better reach into buildings that are compromised.

He inquired about the status of the air pack grant. Chief Mackay reported he was still waiting a reply.

Asst. Chief Fusaro reported fit testing is continuing to progress. Chief Mackay would like to set up a test of the Hope Valley Fire Department machine to see if it is more efficient.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported he had a great turnout for the drivers' meeting. He will be attending the company meetings to pick up the stragglers.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported that the drivers raised a concern about how Special Hazards would respond to motor vehicle accidents in the Misquamicut and Watch Hill areas. Drivers stated waiting for the truck to have time could be problematic. Board members agreed to study a change to mutual aid policy.

Chief Mackay discussed the fire at 31 Canal St. He was pleased with the efforts to confine the fire. He discussed ventilation training should include the use of ground ladders as it may not always be possible to position the ladder truck for ventilation.

Chief Mackay discussed an upcoming Southern League training

regarding red light permits. He asked the Board their feelings on red lights for drivers. Asst. Chief Morrone offered he was working on a standard operating guideline for red light use. He felt the Board should only allow their use to the stations. Asst. Chief Fusaro felt that only department issued lights be distributed. He felt allowing the drivers to purchase their own would not give the Board tight control their use. Asst. Chief Morrone agreed. Discussion would continue after draft of the SOG would be presented.

Chief Mackay reported the Special Hazards tool mounting was progressing. All mounts have been received. Five Star is tentatively scheduled to pick up the vehicle Wednesday or Thursday to complete the mounting of Hydraulic tools and to complete all punch list items.

Chief Mackay asked the Board if the truck could be put in service without the other equipment that is on order. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated with the transfer of equipment on WT-3 the department would have its current capabilities. The new equipment would only enhance it.

Money Collected by the district:

Smoke Inspections	240.00
Business Inspections	150.00
Plan Review	100.00

Agenda for the next meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro