

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS
OF
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT
180 BEACH ST.
WESTERLY, RI 02891
OCTOBER 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 7:00 pm. Asst. Chief Morrone was absent. Also present were Captain Brandon Fricke of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. # 1, Foreman Eric Fallon of the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. #1, Cyclone Steam Fire Engine Co #2 Foreman Sam Homsy as well as two prospective candidates Ben Yanni Lazarus for the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. # 1 and Jason Taylor for the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to pay the bills of the evening. Asst. Chief Fusaro recused himself from voting on the Westerly Ambulance Corps Dispatch invoice. This bill passed 2-0. All other bills passed 2-1 with Chief Mackay and Asst. Chief Trebisacci voting to approve and Asst. Chief Fusaro voting not to approve the bills. The following bills were paid:

Chase Visa 100 110.00

ConnRi 100 206.96

Westerly Jewelry 100 161.00
Westerly Packing 100 285.11
ConnRi 402 32.25
EZ Waste Systems Inc. 402 104.00
Unifirst 402 49.99
Westerly Agway 402 107.92
AT&T 403 42.50
Chase Visa 403 9.99
Ginger's Service Station 501 343.73
Ginger's Service Station 502 637.20
Ocean House Marina 504 82.44
Red Stone Tire 504 50.00
Strobes N More 504 109.99
Westerly Auto Parts 504 146.03
Westerly Car Wash 504 12.00
Mastro 603 22.17
Westerly Ambulance 703 2,692.62
American Trademark 1201 24.67
Globe 1201 105.36
Shipman's Fire Equipment 1201 779.90
Waterway 1203 2,041.00
Shipman's Fire Equipment 1204 1,840.65
Mark Akesson-physical 1205 115.00
Office Depot 1500 20.99
Staples 1500 63.42
Chase Visa 1600 33.84

NFPA 1700 208.40
Chase Visa 1800 83.68
McQuade's Ace 1800 72.93
Westerly Packing 1800 7.14
Coastal Blasting & Spraying 2100 930.00
Thavenet Machine 2100 25.20
Rob Ferreira 2500 100.00
Ryder 2500 250.75
Westerly Packing 2500 554.30
Technology Reflections 2700 1,199.40
Globalstar 9400 61.10

The two candidates were introduced by Foreman Fallon and Captain Fricke. The Board of Engineers discussed their expectations of the candidates and asked if they possessed any questions. After a brief question and answer period the two candidates left the meeting. Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to approve the two candidates. Motion passed 3-0.

Captain Fricke discussed the problems with the batteries on Engine 1 charging. Chief Mackay stated all the batteries were now charged.

Captain Fricke discussed the need for two new officers' helmets for 1st Lieutenant Michael Quattromani and 2nd Lieutenant Daniel J. McGouran. Chief Mackay would order them with the color to be

orange.

Foreman Homsy discussed the stipends for the Stewards and Secretaries of each company. All company officers reviewed their job descriptions and felt they were all the same. Foreman Fallon stated the officers would come up with a list of duties for each position and forward that to the Board of Engineers. The Board discussed the need for accountability for each position and felt the recommendation of \$450.00 a year for each position was fair. Chief Mackay reported that Captain Shane Tallardy of the Westerly Fire Police felt their two positions should be paid but not at the same rate as the fire companies because their group was much smaller. He would report back to Chief Mackay with their recommendation.

Foreman Homsy asked for a date and location of the Christmas Cocktail Party. All companies were activating their committees and need the information to proceed. Chief Mackay stated he would ask Asst. Chief Morrone to contact them with the information.

Chief Mackay asked the officers for a list of equipment for their vehicles. Captain Fricke asked about new batteries for the portable radios on Engine 1. Foreman Fallon requested a hydra ram for Ladder 1. Foreman Homsy requested the couplings on Engine 2's suction hose be checked out and that the electronic intakes on both Engines 1 and 2 be painted orange so they are used first. Chief Mackay will look into it. Foreman Fallon, Foreman Homsy, and Captain Fricke left the meeting.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked if a ladder truck was present on Friday. Chief Mackay replied that KME brought down a demonstrator. Asst. Chief Trebisacci informed him he did not receive the emails. He gave Chief Mackay a new email address so he would be able to stay in the loop.

Asst. Chief Fusaro discussed the lack of communication among the Board members. He specifically highlighted the events of this past weekend which were changed due to the weather which he received no information on. He also highlighted other recent events in which apparatus were sent out of the District on details and Board members were not made aware. He felt that the communication among Board members needs to improve and this would help improve communications to the companies.

Chief Mackay reported on scheduling ladder truck manufacturers for demonstration of their latest units and options. Asst. Chief Fusaro pointed out the email sent today had the wrong addresses for two of the members. Chief Mackay stated he would change them.

Chief Mackay reported that six of the new MSA G 1 air packs have been delivered along with six batteries and a charging unit. Training could begin for members. The bottles that came with them are loaners.

Chief Mackay reported he sent an email to our sales representative at Shipman's Fire Equipment about a Blitz nozzle. He had not heard back. Asst. Chief Fusaro spoke about an incident with our sales representative and one of our employees. He asked Chief Mackay to look into it.

Chief Mackay reported two additional shut off valves were in for the high pressure air bags and had been placed on special hazards.

Chief Mackay reported we may want to consider a different style of access ladder if/when we look at an E-One Ladder.

Money Collected by the district:

Smoke Inspections 270.00

Business inspections 2475.00

Agenda for the next meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro