

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
DECEMBER 6, 2004 7:00 PM**

Wardens: Present: Mr. Holland, Mr. Ciccone, Mr. Sprague and Mr. Gray
Absent: Mr. Smith

Chiefs: Chief Boisvert, DC Carney, Pinch, and Perry

Others: District Clerk

Mr. Holland called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Gray moves to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 15, 2004 meeting. Mr. Sprague seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from Peace Dale Station requesting the relocation of the lighting timer. Mr. Holland will look into the situation.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

ENCUMBERED HAZMAT FUNDS: Lt. Eye has presented quotes and a requisition for purchasing a WMD/radiological meter for \$9875.00 from Emery & Associates. Mr. Holland explains that this will be voted on at the monthly meeting.

RECRUITMENT VIDEO: Lt. Eye explains that his daughter would like to make a recruitment video for her honor society project. Discussion regarding whether she should join Station 1 as a junior member, or if we should obtain an insurance rider for her while she shoots the video footage.

MOTION 04-12-1: Mr. Gray moves to approve Dory Eye joining as a junior member of Peace Dale, subject to approval by the solicitor and the insurance company. Mr. Sprague seconds. Further discussion regarding whether this process could be used to circumvent the probationary program. All in favor. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

QUOTES FOR COMPRESSOR UPGRADE: DC Perry has a quote from Shipman's as a sole source vendor for a fourth bank for the compressor, for \$2840.00. He proposes approving \$3000.00 from the funds left over from the burn building repairs. Mr. Holland advises this will have to be approved at the monthly meeting.

SPRINKLER TESTING CONTRACT: Bruce Rice has received quotes for testing the sprinkler system. He recommends Simplex Grinnell, for a price of \$765.00 per year, which is not low bid but is very reliable. This will be put on the monthly meeting agenda for approval.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS: Mr. Ciccone would like approval to draw up specs for removal of the underground storage tank at West Kingston Station.

MOTION 04-12-2: Mr. Ciccone moves to approve going out to bid for removing the underground storage tank and replace it with above ground tanks at West Kingston Station. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sprague seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

STATION 9 GRANT APPROVAL: The members wrote for a bid from Champlin Foundations, and were awarded \$20,000.00. Captain Collinson explains how they intend to use the funds, for a new fire service library, including new laptops and overhead projectors. He will bring the award letter to the monthly meeting.

CHIEF'S/DEPUTIES' REPORTS:

Chief Boisvert reports that the new engine 3 will be in service tomorrow. Discussion ensued regarding repairs for engine 14 and engine 22. The Board's position is to move forward with the repairs to engine 14, subject to the approval of expending the monies at the monthly meeting.

FIRE PREVENTION:

No report.

TRAINING GROUND REPORT:

DC Perry reports that the burn building is closed for repairs. The tower repairs will be done in the spring. Mr. Holland is waiting on the solicitor for the specs for the outdoor classroom before it goes out to bid.

STATION REQUESTS:

STATION 2-GRANT APPLICATION: Station 2 would like permission to apply for grants to repair the windows at the Station. Mr. Holland advises that the Board has no objection, but they would like to have a more detailed report before the Station members get final approval. Discussion ensued.

STATION 3-RADIOS, PAGERS: Captain Whaley reports that the problem has been resolved.

STATION 9-SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT: Captain Collinson has obtained a price for snow removal of \$175.00 per plowing. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holland directs the Clerk to write a letter to Jon Schock to determine the Town's policy about plowing out the fire station apparatus areas.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Dan Bradley reports that the 5 inch hose at Station 1 is on the truck and being used.

Mr. Ciccone moves to adjourn. Mr. Gray seconds. Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Marco
District Clerk

Date Amended _____

Date Accepted _____

I, Bette Marco, District Clerk, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the December 6, 2004 Meeting of the Board of Wardens of the Union Fire District and that they have not been amended except as cited above.

Bette Marco, District Clerk

