

UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS' MONTHLY MEETING
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
MAY 15, 2006 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

WARDENS PRESENT: Mr. Ciccone, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Boisvert

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Chief Perry, DC Carney, Pinch, Quinn, and Collinson

OTHERS PRESENT: District Clerk, Mr. DeSista, Ms. Hogan

The District Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The first order of business is to appoint a new Chairman of the Board.

MOTION 06-5-1: Mr. Boisvert moves to appoint Tony Ciccone as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Ciccone seconds. Mr. Gray feels that Mr. Smith should be present before we appoint a new Chairman. Discussion. Mr. Boisvert amends the motion to make Mr. Ciccone acting Chairman until a new Chairman can be appointed. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. Gray moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve, the minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES:

APPOINT NEW WARDENS TO STATION 5 BUILDING COMMITTEE: As Mr. Holland and Mr. Sprague are no longer on the Board, new Wardens need to be appointed to the building committee. Mr. Boisvert volunteers to be on the committee. Bob Emmott requests that Andy Boisvert and Jon Smith be chosen as the Board representatives. Mr. Ciccone will volunteer temporarily, until Mr. Smith can be consulted.

ARCHITECT'S CONTRACT: Ms. Hogan has reviewed the contract with Mr. Presbrey, and it seems pretty standard. However, the District must pay prevailing wage, and the price quote we received did not take this into consideration. Before we enter into the contract, we should add that if the bids come in over budget, we have the option of canceling. Discussion. Mr. Ciccone directs Ms. Hogan to add a clause to the contract allowing us to cancel if the job comes in over budget. Further discussion. The building committee will meet with Ms. Hogan on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 PM at the Snug Harbor station.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF NEW WARDEN: Ms. Hogan recommends that we post a notice in all stations, and run an ad in the newspaper, asking for letters of interest in the position. Discussion.

MOTION 06-5-2: Mr. Boisvert moves to place a notice in all stations, and an ad in the newspaper, asking for letters of interest by the June 5 meeting. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

TRUCK SPECS: The truck specs are being typed, and Mr. Ciccone is concerned about the timing, because new emissions standards will cause a large increase in prices very shortly. Discussion.

MOTION 06-5-3: Mr. Boisvert moves to have the Wardens review the specs when they are ready, and if there are no objections, the Board authorizes Mr. Ciccone to put the truck out to bid by May 25, after final review by Mr. Smith and Mr. Ciccone. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

CHANGE WORK SESSION TO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Ms. Hogan advises that the Board can have as many meetings each month that it feels is necessary, however, if votes are to be taken, it cannot be called or posted as a "workshop meeting".

PURCHASE HAY: Chief Perry needs hay for the burn building. He would like to order it from Dave Burnham in North Kingstown.

MOTION 06-5-4: Mr. Gray moves to allow the purchase of two shipments of hay, each to cost \$500.00. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

VAN RENTAL FOR NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY WEEKEND: Chief Perry would like permission to rent two vans to transport firefighters to the National Fire Academy weekend on August 5, 6, and 7. Bailey-Flood and Speedcraft did not quote a price, and Yankee Chevrolet quoted \$220.00 per day.

MOTION 06-5-5: Mr. Gray moves to allow the Chief to rent two vans from Yankee Chevrolet. Mr. Boisvert seconds. Discussion regarding announcing the trip. All in favor. Motion carries.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: Chief Perry asks what the status is on the outdoor classroom. Mr. Gray is working on this project.

AWARD FUEL OIL BID: Two bids were received, from Buckley Heating and SmithCo Oil.

MOTION 06-5-6: Mr. Boisvert moves to award the fuel oil bid for the next year to Buckley Heating. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

LAPTOP MOUNTING BRACKETS FOR VEHICLES: Captain Hiener has received three quotes for brackets for the vehicle laptops.

MOTION 06-5-7: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase from MHQ Municipal Vehicles for \$892.80. Mr. Gray seconds. Discussion regarding how many laptops are available. All in favor. Motion carries.

FIRE PREVENTION:

FIRE SAFETY TRAILER: Chief Perry reports that the Surrey trailer has a 7000 GVW, and our trucks will tow that. DC Collinson will hold a training class for anyone who will be using the trailer, and Richard Arnold will review with them how to hook up the trailer. Chief Perry, Bob Emmott and Richard Arnold will meet with Brian Kleczek to finalize the specs. Discussion regarding bathroom in trailer. Mr. Boisvert directs the Chief to include a cover in the specs. The Board has no objection to the Chief moving forward with the project.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS:

Mr. Gray moves to approve the report as presented. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

MOTION 06-5-8: Mr. Boisvert moves to add the sink hole at station 9 to the agenda. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Ciccone reports that we need to have gravel delivered to station 9 to fill the hole where the underground tank was removed. The Clerk is directed to order fill and have it delivered.

Chief Perry met with Chief Barrington, and reports that URI will continue to fund Kingston Fire District.

MOTION 06-5-9: Mr. Boisvert moves to add vehicle maintenance to the agenda. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Captain Martufi feels that the Board should approve additional funds for the mechanic staff, because Richard is not able to get to repairs on engine 24 quickly enough. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ciccone and Chief Perry will speak to Richard about this.

Mr. Gray moves to adjourn. Mr. Boisvert seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Marco
District Clerk

Date Amended _____
Date Accepted _____

I, Bette Marco, District Clerk, do hereby certify that the attached Minutes are a true and accurate copy of the Minutes of the May 15, 2006 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