

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 7:00 PM**

Wardens: Present: Mr. Ciccone, Mr. Gray, Mr. Boisvert and Mr. Steere
Absent: Mr. May

Chiefs: Chief Perry, DC Carney, Collinson, Quinn, and Pinch

Others: District Clerk, Rick DeSista, and Ms. Hogan

Mr. Ciccone , as acting chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Steere moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve, the minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

STATION 5 BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Ciccone reports that there was a meeting two weeks ago, and work is progressing on schedule. A requisition has been submitted and forwarded to the treasurer for payment. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 4:30. Chief Perry asks when the trucks can be put back in the station for overnights. Mr. Ciccone is not sure; he will check at the meeting on Thursday.

TRUCK COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Ciccone reports that he and Richard Arnold went to Nebraska last week, and the inspection was very good. The truck required few changes, and is now in Connecticut for lettering. He expects delivery within two weeks.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chief Perry and the deputies met last week, with Mr. Boisvert and other interested parties, and they bounced a lot of ideas around. Their primary goal is to keep the District volunteer as long as possible. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday night at 7:00 PM. They hope to add a fifth committee member, and elect a chairman.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAINING GROUND SHELTER BID: Ms. Hogan went over the requirements for executive session.

MOTION 07-9-1: Mr. Steere moves to convene in executive session, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2), to discuss the bid and possible litigation. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Ciccone reconvenes the open meeting. The only vote taken during executive session was a vote to seal the minutes of the executive session.

OLD FIRE SAFETY TRAILER: Mr. Ciccone spoke to Chief Perry today regarding the disposition of the old safety trailer. Discussion.

MOTION 07-9-2: Mr. Boisvert moves to donate the trailer to the Ashaway Fire Department, with a bill of sale if required by the registry. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE: DC Quinn sent a letter to Mr. May, citing the objections that the Chiefs have to the IMC software.

MOTION 07-9-3: Mr. Steere moves to table this issue to the next meeting. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

ENCUMBRANCES: The Clerk has forwarded a list of the requested encumbrances to Mr. DeSista.

NEW BUSINESS:

CELL PHONES: DC Pinch explains that the Nextel service has become very poor, and wants to change over to Verizon Wireless. This will require the purchase of ten new phones, at a cost of \$700.00. Discussion regarding the different services, and the need to have three quotes. DC Pinch has copies of his figures made, and distributes them to the Wardens.

MOTION 07-9-4: Mr. Steere moves to change the service to Verizon and purchase ten new phones, at a cost of \$700.00. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF SCBA EQUIPMENT: DC Pinch has received a price quote from Shipman's in the amount of \$60,070.50 to complete the conversion to 4.5 bottles. This price includes all parts and installation on the trucks. Shipman's is the sole source for Scott equipment.

MOTION 07-9-5: Mr. Gray moves to approve the purchase of the equipment from Shipman's for a total of \$60,070.50. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

PERMISSION TO GO TO BID FOR PAGERS, PORTABLES, AND RADIO SERVICE PROPOSAL: DC Carney would like to go out to bid for pagers, and get quotes for new portables and the radio service for the repeater.

MOTION 07-9-6: Mr. Boisvert moves to allow DC Carney to put out the requests. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

STATION REQUESTS:

STATION 9 USE STATION FOR ANNUAL OUTING 9/23; DUMPSTER FOR CLEANUP: Discussion regarding dumpsters.

MOTION 07-9-7: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve use of the station, and a dumpster for cleanup. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Ms.

Hogan reiterates that requests for station outings should be approved by the administrator, and do not need to come before the Board for a vote.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS:

MOTION 07-9-8: Mr. Steere moves to accept the report as presented. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

None.

CHARTER REVIEW: Ms. Hogan has no items for review at this time; the charter is still in draft stage.

Mr. Gray moves to adjourn. Mr. Steere seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 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 September 17, 2007 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

