

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
JUNE 16, 2008 7:00 PM**

Wardens: Present: Mr. Ciccone, Mr. Boisvert, Mr. White, and Mr. Steere
Absent: Mr. McClarnon

Chiefs: DC Collinson, Pinch, Quinn, and Carney

Others: District Clerk and Mr. DeSista, Brad Preston and Jeff Moore of VFIS

Mr. Ciccone called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. He explained that the Board would take a few minutes to peruse their paperwork and decide if there were any questions before acting on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Steere moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: DC Pinch reports that stations 1, 7, 8, and 9 were discussed regarding structural studies; VFIS representatives explained a retirement system; and grant writing by DC Quinn was discussed. The next meeting will be on July 9th at 7:00 PM at the administration building.

NEW BUSINESS:

VFIS RETIREMENT PRESENTATION: Jeff Moore of VFIS explains the retirement program offered by VFIS to the Board. Discussion. DC Quinn requests permission to write for a SAFER grant to fund the first four years of a five year retirement program, with the District being responsible for payment of the fifth year.

MOTION 08-6-1: Mr. White moves to allow the deputy to proceed with writing for the grant. Mr. Steere seconds. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Steere moves to reappoint the following: Chief, four Deputy Chiefs, Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Mechanic, Building Maintenance, three Fire Marshals, Administrator, and Secretary. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DONATION TO PROVIDENCE CANTEEN: DC Collinson explains that the canteen fed 70 firefighters during our propane drill, and asks to have \$300.00 donated to the Canteen.

MOTION 08-6-2: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve donation of \$300.00 to the Providence Canteen, paperwork to follow. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY WEEKEND: DC Quinn explains that the Fire Academy weekend will be on August 15th and 16th and ten of our firefighters are registered to go. The cost will be \$900.00 for registration, \$400.00 for gas to get there, and \$762.00 to rent vans.

MOTION 08-6-3: Mr. White moves to approve the cost of \$2062.00 for registration, gas, and van rental. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

NEW ENGLAND FIRE CHIEFS SHOW: Mr. Ciccone asks that any Chiefs and Wardens who wish to attend the Fire Chiefs Show be reimbursed for admission, parking and tolls.

MOTION 08-6-4: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the reimbursements. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE GO OUT TO BID ON NEW TANKER TRUCK: Mr. Ciccone would like permission to go out to bid on the new tanker as soon as the specs are ready.

MOTION 08-6-5: Mr. Boisvert moves to allow the truck committee to go out to bid as soon as the specs are ready. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AWARD FIRE ALARM INSPECTION CONTRACT: Requests for bids were sent to three vendors, and an ad was placed in the paper. Two bids were received: PAV Electric bid \$3300.00 per year, and AllState Fire Protection bid \$5760.00 per year.

MOTION 08-6-6: Mr. Steere moves to award the bid to PAV Electric as low bidder, for \$3300.00 for the year. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISCUSS WARDENS/CHIEFS MEETING: Mr. Ciccone would like to schedule a meeting of the Wardens and Chiefs. Discussion. They will meet at the end of the regular Wardens' meeting on July 21st.

DISCUSS OMITTING FIRST MEETING OF JULY & AUGUST: Mr. Ciccone suggests that the first monthly meeting in July and August be cancelled, due to vacations, etc. Discussion.

MOTION 08-6-7: Mr. Boisvert moves to dispense with the first meeting in July and August. Mr. White seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

REPLACE HURST AIRBAG: DC Quinn explains that one of the Hurst airbags was damaged and needs to be replaced. The cost is \$564.00 from Firematic, who is the sole source of the airbag.

MOTION 08-6-8: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the replacement of the airbag for \$564.00. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

STUDY OF EXISTING BUILDINGS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: DC Pinch explains that the Strategic Planning Committee spoke to David Presbrey regarding a structural study of stations 1, 7, 8, and 9. There is \$20,000.00 budgeted for this purpose, and he would like permission to move forward with it, and also to begin a preliminary study to replace station 6.

MOTION 08-6-9: Mr. Steere moves to go ahead with the study of the stations with David Presbrey, not to exceed the budgeted amount, and billed after July 1, to be paid in the new fiscal year. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIRE POLICE EQUIPMENT:

MOTION 08-6-10: Mr. Boisvert moves to table this matter until the next meeting. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

CHIEF'S LIST: DC Collinson states that Brian Kroll of station 1 and Eli Carey of station 8 have been added to the driver list.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. DeSista has the monthly listing of bills for the Wardens' approval.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

MOTION 08-6-11: Mr. Steere moves to approve the report as presented. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

None

Mr. Boisvert moves to adjourn. Mr. Steere seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Marco
District Clerk

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Date Amended _____
Date Accepted _____

I, Bette Marco, District Clerk, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the June 16, 2008 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