

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS  
MEETING MINUTES  
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.  
MARCH 2, 2009 7:00 PM**

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

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

Others: District Clerk

Mr. Ciccone called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. McClarnon moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:** DC Pinch reports that the committee recommends hiring Pacheco-Ross Architects from New York to do the design work for the capital plans for the stations and the schematic work for station 6. Mr. Ciccone advises that it will require taxpayer approval to withdraw funds from the reserve fund.

**MOTION 09-3-1:** Mr. White moves to accept the committee's report, and to add it to the agenda for the next meeting for final action. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

**AWARD SURVEY JOB:** Four quotes were received for surveying the property at station 6.

**MOTION 09-3-2:** Mr. Boisvert moves to award the job to Pinch Surveying for \$1875.00. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

**GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT:** DC Quinn reports that we did not get the Safer grant, but they will be submitting a fire safety grant this week. Other grants will be coming up this spring and summer, for which the committee will be applying.

NEW BUSINESS:

**INSURANCE POLICIES:**

**MOTION 09-3-3:** Mr. Steere moves to table this matter until legal counsel is present. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

**APPROVE REVISED SOG:** The SOG for Conference Reimbursement has been submitted for approval.

**MOTION 09-3-4:** Mr. Boisvert moves to accept the SOG as presented. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE FUNDS FOR FF1 TRAINING: DC Quinn reports that six of our firefighters are going to receive FF1 training at the Hope Valley/Wyoming fire department. The cost to the District is \$960.00.

**MOTION 09-3-5:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve spending the funds for the training. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

C-5: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL CONFERENCE: DC Quinn reports that he will be attending the conference, representing the R.I. State Firemen's League. Costs will be covered by the League, except airfare, which will be paid by the District.

DONATION TO BRIAN CHAMPLIN FUND: Mr. McClarnon explains that Mr. Champlin is a Hope Valley/Carolina firefighter, who is in the hospital being treated for leukemia. He would like to donate \$250.00 to the fund. Discussion regarding the donating of taxpayer dollars. Mr. McClarnon will meet with the JTC and the Firemen's Relief Association to see if they may have funds available for donation.

AWARD PROTECTIVE CLOTHING BIDS: Chief Perry recommends awarding the bids to the low bidders, except for the turnout gear and helmets. The low bidder for these items did not bid on the equipment that was specified. He would recommend Shipman's for these, as low bid on items specified.

**MOTION 09-3-6:** Mr. Boisvert moves to award the bids according to the Chief's recommendations, not to exceed the protective clothing budget. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

SONICWALL LICENSING RENEWAL: Chris Hiener has received quotes for the renewal of the contract, and also for upgrading the firewall systems. There are funds in the budget to pay for either.

**MOTION 09-3-7:** Mr. Boisvert moves to upgrade all of the units, plus the antivirus, for a cost of \$7990.00, and installation cost of \$1260.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

**MOTION 09-3-8:** Mr. Boisvert moves to add deputies' vehicles to the agenda. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DC Pinch reports that the deputies' vehicles are still having problems with the lights and radios draining the batteries. Discussion. The deputies will return the vehicles to Masse Chevrolet to have the electrical equipment removed.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Chris Hiener asks that changes to the purchasing policy be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 March 2, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Wardens of the Union Fire District and that they have not been amended except as cited above.

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Bette Marco, District Clerk