

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
JULY 20, 2009 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Boisvert moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: DC Pinch reports that the committee has received a report on the existing stations, and copies have been forwarded to the Board. The next regular meeting of the committee is on Monday, July 27th at 7:00 PM. DC Pinch will be interviewing two civil engineers tomorrow at 4:00 PM, and any committee members who are available may attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATIVE WARDEN ALTERNATE: Steve White has expressed an interest in being an administrative Warden. He will serve as an alternate, if either of the other administrative Wardens is unable to take care of situations that require their attention.

MOTION 09-7-1: Mr. Steere moves to appoint Steve White as an alternate administrative Warden. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF HYDRARAM: Three prices were obtained for a hydraram. Shipman's was low quote, at \$1425.00.

MOTION 09-7-2: Mr. Steere moves to approve the purchase of the hydraram from Shipman's for \$1425.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

ESTABLISH FEE FOR FIREWORKS PERMIT: Bob Emmott is not available to discuss this issue.

MOTION 09-7-3: Mr. Steere moves to table this issue until the next meeting. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

REVISIT FIRE ALARM INSPECTION CONTRACT: Engineered Security Systems was low quote on the contract renewal, and that company is disputing the awarding of the contract to PAV Electric. Discussion. Ms. Hogan advises the Board that they should convene an executive session before the next monthly meeting to discuss possible litigation in this issue.

MOTION 09-7-4: Mr. McClarnon moves to table this matter until the next Wardens' meeting. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

ENCUMBRANCES: The Clerk reminds everyone that she will need memos regarding any monies to be encumbered from the 2008-2009 budget, so she can forward the information to Ricky DeSista.

AWARD STATION 3 PAINTING CONTRACT: Dan Nolan received three bids for painting the exterior of station 3.

MOTION 09-7-5: Mr. McClarnon moves to award the bid to Dennis Moffitt Painting as low bidder, for \$3877.00. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AWARD BID FOR DEPUTIES' CARS: DC Collinson received three bids for cars for the deputies. He recommends Balise Nissan, as low bidder for two Nissan Pathfinders, for a total of \$44654.00.

MOTION 09-7-6: Mr. Steere moves to award the bid for the cars to Balise Nissan, for \$44654.00. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AWARD LETTERING OF DEPUTIES CARS: DC Collinson received three quotes for lettering the above vehicles.

MOTION 09-7-7: Mr. Steere moves to award the lettering of the cars to Threadz, for a total of \$850.00. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

TEXT MESSAGING FOR DEPUTIES' CELL PHONES: DC Pinch explains that since the Chiefs upgraded their phones, they have texting capability, but he isn't sure if our contract includes unlimited texting, or if we are being billed for every message. Discussion. Chris Hiener is directed to look into our contract to determine if it includes texting or not.

MOTION 09-7-8: Mr. McClarnon moves to table this item until the next meeting. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR CISTERN AT HERITAGE ESTATES: Bruce Rice explains that the Chief and Code Enforcement have required new subdivisions without hydrants to install a water tank for fire suppression. They have received a \$2000.00 check from the developer for maintenance of the tank, and want to open an escrow account for the money. Discussion.

MOTION 09-7-9: Mr. White moves to have Ms. Hogan research the legal ramifications of such a program further, and make recommendations to the Board by the September meeting. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AWARD RADIO EQUIPMENT: DC Carney has received quotes for 2 intercoms with installation. He recommends Comtronix as low quote.

MOTION 09-7-10: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve purchase of the radio equipment from Comtronix for a total of \$1115.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

ENGRAVING OF STONE @ FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL: Chief Perry asks who is responsible for paying for the new engraving of the stone at the Firefighters' Memorial. Discussion. The Firemen's Relief Organization should pay for the engraving.

AWARD BID FOR NEW TRUCK: Three bids were received for the new pumper truck. Smeal bid \$381,270.00, Crimson bid \$355,348.00, and Pierce bid \$399,783.00. Mr. Ciccone explains that Pierce is the only bidder to meet the specs, and asks the Board to allow the committee to award the bid to Pierce, provided they can clarify a few points that are not clear. If they cannot, the committee will award the contract to the next lower bidder. Ms. Hogan asks for clarification of the discounts and exceptions taken. Pierce took the fewest exceptions to the specs, and is the only bidder which offers independent front suspension, which is necessary for the safety of the fire truck. Discussion.

MOTION 09-7-11: Mr. McClarnon moves to award the bid to Pierce, as long as the committee is satisfied with the answers to their questions, for a price of \$399,783.00, and to authorize the Chairman to sign any necessary contracts. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF RELIEF VALVE: Three prices were received for a replacement relief valve. Chief Perry recommends Firematic as the low quote, at \$640.00. Discussion regarding quotes.

MOTION 09-7-12: Mr. Steere moves to purchase the valve from Firematic for \$640.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISCUSS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS: Chief Perry wants to sit down with the Wardens to discuss policies that may need to be changed, in light of the recent tragic accident at Kingston Fire District. Ms. Hogan will meet with the Chief to determine whether it would be appropriate to have the meeting in open or closed session.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. DeSista has a report to hand out to the Board.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

MOTION 09-7-13: Mr. Steere moves to accept the report as presented. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Mr. McClarnon commends the Chiefs and firefighters for their handling of the tragedy at the Kingston station.

Mr. Steere moves to adjourn. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 July 20, 2009 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

