

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
AUGUST 17, 2009 6:30 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, and Ms. Hogan

Mr. Ciccone called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. There was an executive session to discuss possible litigation in awarding the fire alarm contract, and no votes were taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Steere moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting. Mr. White seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: DC Pinch reports that the committee has received a proposal for engineering services from the civil engineer. The committee will get back to him on the proposal after they have had a chance to look it over. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th at 6:15 PM.

GRANT COMMITTEE UPDATE: DC Quinn reports that they have submitted a legislative grant request for photographer services to record the District's properties, apparatus, and personnel. The committee is still waiting on several other grants that are still being processed. The DEM 50% matching grant has not been received, because we need to submit cancelled checks to them first.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRE ALARM TESTING CONTRACT: In light of new information, the Board has determined that the basis for the awarding of the bid to other than the low bidder included factual errors, and therefore has decided to reconsider the original decision.

MOTION 09-8-1: Mr. Boisvert moves to reconsider the award of the fire alarm testing contract. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

MOTION 09-8-2: Mr. Boisvert moves to award the fire alarm testing contract to Engineered Security Systems. Mr. McClarnon seconds. Mr. White points out that the Board is not obligated to select the low bidder, but given the facts of this case, it seems appropriate to do so. The Board reserves the right to select the best bidder, not necessarily the lowest bidder. All in favor. Motion carries.

TEXT MESSAGING FOR CELL PHONES: Chris Hiener has checked with Verizon Wireless, and the plan we have now is sufficient for our uses. The monthly bills will be monitored, and if the charges increase, we will consider changing plans at that time.

FEE FOR FIREWORKS PERMITS: Bob Emmott requests permission to institute a \$100.00 fee for issuing fireworks permits. There is quite a bit of work involved in the process for the fire marshals, and he feels the fee is justified. Discussion. Ms. Hogan advises that the Board should have a written policy for this in place before they take action.

MOTION 09-8-3: Mr. Steere moves to table this issue until we have a written policy in hand. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISPOSAL OF TWO OUTBOARD MOTORS: Mr. Ciccone suggests that an ad should be run in the local paper to sell the two outboards that were recently replaced. Discussion. DC Collinson suggests no action be taken at this time. The Board will disregard this matter for now.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR PLYMOVENT SYSTEMS: Dan Nolan received a letter from Air Cleaning Specialists, explaining their service contract for the Plymovent systems in stations 7 and 8. Discussion.

MOTION 09-8-4: Mr. Steere moves to approve the service contract from Air Cleaning Specialists for station 7 and 8, for a total of \$718.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

STATION 3 PLYMOVENT NOISE ABATEMENT; BENCHES: We received a complaint from a neighbor that the new Plymovent system at station 3 is noisy. Discussion. No action will be taken by the Board until Mr. Ciccone has had an opportunity to speak to the neighbor. The outside benches at the station were damaged beyond repair, and Dan got prices to replace them. As there are no funds budgeted for replacing the benches, there will be no action on this matter until budget time.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF AED's: DC Pinch obtained three price quotes for 3 new AED's. All three were the same, and he recommends American AED, as we have ordered from them before, and they have given us excellent service.

MOTION 09-8-5: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase from American AED for a total of \$4800.00 for 3 AED's. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC VESTS: DC Pinch requested quotes for traffic safety vests, and received only one quote, from Firematic.

MOTION 09-8-6: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of eight vests from Firematic, for a total of \$656.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISCUSS DEPUTY VEHICLE BID: Since the board voted to approve the purchase of two deputy vehicles at the last meeting, the low bidder has submitted a revised bid, increasing the amount by \$3000.00. Discussion. Ms. Hogan advises that the Board cannot accept a revised bid. The appropriate thing to do would be to discard the current bids, and start over. She explains the options to the Board.

MOTION 09-8-7: Mr. Steere moves to rebid the vehicles, with a committee of Mr. Ciccone, Mr. White, Chief Perry, and the Administrator making up the new specs. Mr. Boisvert seconds. DC Quinn points out that there may not be enough in the budget to purchase two cars. Discussion . Motion carries.

DISCUSS BID FOR DEPUTY VEHICLES EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT: DC Carney requested quotes for lights and sirens for the new cars, and received no responses. He would like permission to obtain prices for the equipment alone, and then contract to have it installed. The Board directs him to get prices.

DISCUSS INCREASE IN TRAINING GROUND USE FEES: Mr. Ciccone is concerned that the fees we receive for using the training ground are not adequate. Chief Perry would like to hold off increasing the fees until 2011. Discussion. Chief Perry will meet with Mr. Boisvert and Mr. Steere, as well as DC Quinn and Collinson to determine what course to take.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. DeSista is not present to make a report.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

MOTION 09-8-8: Mr. Steere moves to accept the report as presented. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Mr. Bert Reed from Indian Lake Shores would like the Board to move the UFD boundary line, so that his home would fall in the Indian Lake Fire District instead of Union Fire District. Discussion regarding requirements to change boundary lines.

DC Pinch advises the board that LOSAP figure are in, and he will forward them to Rick DeSista for payment.

DC Collinson mentions that the landscaping in front of the administration building is in need of work, and should be attended to. Discussion.

Mr. Boisvert moves to adjourn. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 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 August 17, 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

