

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

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

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

Others: District Clerk and Ms. Hogan

Mr. Ciccone called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. McClarnon moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: DC Pinch reports that the civil engineer is waiting for schematics from the architect. They want to verify the wetlands perimeters with the State before moving ahead. No new meeting is scheduled until there is some progress to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTERS: Chris Hiener has received quotes for four new computers. Dell is low quote, at a total of \$4439.47.

MOTION 09-11-1: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of four computers from Dell for a total of \$4439.47. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF NIGHT VISION BINOCULARS: Three quotes have been received. Low quote is from Port Supply for \$1800.00 for four pairs of binoculars.

MOTION 09-11-2: Mr. Steere moves to approve the purchase of four pairs of binoculars from Port Supply for a total of \$1800.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AWARD BID FOR DEPUTY VEHICLES EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT: DC Carney has received bids for lights, sirens, and radio installations. Low bid was from Seaport Communications, for a total of \$9530.00.

MOTION 09-11-3: Mr. Boisvert moves to award the bid to Seaport Communications, for a total of \$9530.00. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE DEM GRANT PURCHASES: DC Quinn has obtained quotes for forestry equipment, half of which will be paid for by a DEM matching grant. Low quote for hose clamps, nozzles, and leaders was from Firematic, for a total \$1528.00. Low quote for chain saws, chaps, and helmets was from Pat's Power Equipment, for a total of \$3206.48.

MOTION 09-11-4: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve purchase of hose clamps, nozzles and leaders from Firematic for \$1528.00, and chain saws, chaps and helmets from Pat's Power Equipment for \$3206.48. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF RAMFAN: Three quotes were obtained for a Ramfan manhole entry system. Low quote was from CMC Rescue, for a total of \$953.00.

MOTION 09-11-5: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve purchase of the system from CMC Rescue, for a total of \$953.00. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISCUSS/APPROVE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT EXPENSES: The Eagle Scout project to refresh the landscaping in front of the administration building resulted in a cost of \$221.49 for mulch. Dan Nolan would like the District to pay for the materials.

MOTION 09-11-6: Mr. Steere moves to pay for the mulch, for a total of 221.49. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

POLICY FOR FILING COMPLAINTS AGAINST UFD PERSONNEL: This item will be tabled until a final draft is ready.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE FOR FULL TIME PERSONNEL: The administrator was asked at the last meeting to check into supplemental insurance coverage for the assistant fire marshal. Information from VFIS and Beacon Mutual was forwarded to all Wardens. Ms. Hogan explains that the bottom line is that this position is covered by State statute 45-19-1, and the District needs an additional rider, at a cost of \$2800.00, to cover the position. She suggests that she meet with Chief Perry and the administrator to put together a policy to cover full time personnel responding to fire calls. Discussion ensued regarding our insurance coverage. Mr. Ciccone wants to expedite a work session with the VFIS representative to resolve this issue.

MOTION 09-11-7: Mr. McClarnon moves to add the rider to our current policy to cover the assistant fire marshal, at a cost of \$2800.00. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. McClarnon and Mr. White volunteer to meet with Brad Preston of VFIS, Ms. Hogan, Chief Perry, and the administrator in a workshop to get a clearer picture of our insurance liability and needs.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Mr. Ciccone states that a workshop meeting of the Wardens and Chiefs will be held on Sunday, November 15th at 10:00 AM at the administration building. An agenda will be posted.

Chief Perry advises that the committee to review the bylaws for the Firemen's Relief will be held on a Sunday morning in December, as yet to be determined. The meeting will be open to comments.

DC Pinch advises the Narragansett Times had a thank you to all who helped with the parade in this week's edition. He also has a copy of the video of the parade and memorial service, if anyone is interested in seeing it.

DC Pinch states that we received a gold star from the American Heart Association for our fitness program.

Mr. Steere moves to adjourn. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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 November 2, 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

