

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
MARCH 15, 2010 7:00 PM**

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

Chiefs: Chief Perry and DC Carney

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

Mr. Ciccone called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. McClarnon moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER FROM DUNN'S CORNER FIRE DEPARTMENT: A letter was received from Dunn's Corner Fire Department, thanking UFD for the recent electrical safety class, and including a \$50.00 donation.

MOTION 10-3-1: Mr. Boisvert moves to direct the treasurer to deposit the check, and to write a check to the Joint Training Committee for \$50.00. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chief Perry reports that the committee met last week to review the plans for station 6. They will be receiving plans for stations 6, 7, and 8 and the maintenance garage.

NEW BUSINESS:

TAX COLLECTION: AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR TO BRING SUIT TO COLLECT OVERDUE TAXES ON ACCOUNT #16-0079-08: Ms. Hogan has received from the tax collector an account that is now eight years in arrears, and has reached a total that it would now be in the interests of the District to collect.

MOTION 10-3-2: Mr. McClarnon moves to authorize counsel to bring suit to collect overdue taxes from the above mentioned account. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

INQUIRY ON ROBINSON STREET LAND: Ms. Hogan has received an inquiry from a local realtor regarding the vacant lot on Robinson Street. The Board agrees to hold the request on file for the present.

BURN BUILDING TILE REPLACEMENT: Dan Nolan has spoken to Bill Glover regarding the tile replacement. To date, Mr. Hathaway has not responded as to whether he is interested in the job. Ms. Hogan points out that there is still the prevailing wage issue in question. Discussion regarding nature of work to be done on the building.

MOTION 10-3-3: Mr. White moves to define the work on the burn building as maintenance, after having observed the work to be completed. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Ms. Hogan advises that, since a contract had been in effect, we need to go back to the original vendor to see if he is interested in completing the job, now that the prevailing wage issue has been resolved. Discussion.

MOTION 10-3-4: Mr. Steere moves to contact Nelson Brothers to ask if they want to continue the work on the burn building. If not, we will cancel the contract and offer the job to another vendor. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

MOTION 10-3-5: Mr. Steere moves, if the contract is cancelled, to award the job to Bill Glover as sole source, since he manufactures, installs and warrants the tiles, and no one else in this area does this kind of work. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

LOSAP RETIREMENT BENEFIT: DC Quinn wants to write a grant for funds for a retirement policy for the firefighters. If he doesn't get the grant, he would like the Board to approve the funds.

MOTION 10-3-6: Mr. Steere moves to table this item until the next meeting. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISCUSS BOY SCOUT LAND AT TUCKERTOWN STATION: Mr. Ciccone states that the building committee has discussed adding a bay to the Tuckertown station, but we don't own the land, and we need public water at the building. He would like to contact the BSA to discuss acquiring the land and/or an easement for a water line. Ms. Hogan advises that she has had past contact with the Boy Scouts, and this is a good time to follow up on this issue. Discussion. Ms. Hogan will take care of this.

APPROVE SONIC WALL CONTRACT: Chris Hiener needed to renew the virus and security programs on the computers. He obtained three quotes, and has funds in the budget for this.

MOTION 10-3-7: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of the sonic wall programs, in accordance with the purchasing policy. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE MOVE OF ANTENNA AT KINGSTON WATER TOWER: DC Carney had a meeting last week with Kingston Fire, SK Police, and Kingston Water, at which it was determined that the antenna on the water tower had to be relocated while the tower is being painted. WPCS International was the low quote, for \$2241.00, of which we owe one third, or \$747.00.

MOTION 10-3-8: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the expenditure of \$747.00 to relocate the antenna. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DEM GRANT FOR WILDLAND PPE: DC Quinn has received an approval from DEM for a matching grant for a total of \$6295.00, for wildland protective equipment. Mr. Ciccone advises the Chief that the grant information must be forwarded to the administrator to be processed in a timely manner. Ms. Hogan advises that the cooperative agreement should be forwarded to the administrator for perusal by the Board, and authorization to sign on behalf of the District.

MOTION 10-3-9: Mr. Boisvert moves to accept the grant of \$3147.00 from DEM for the purchase of PPE, subject to counsel's review of the proposed cooperative agreement, and to authorize DC Quinn to execute it on behalf of the District. Mr. McClarnon seconds. Mr. White adds thanks to DC Quinn for his efforts to obtain grants. All in favor. Motion carries.

AWARD EQUIPMENT BIDS:

MOTION 10-3-10: Mr. Boisvert moves to accept the recommendations from the Chief to award \$1283.50 to New England Fire Equipment; \$11089.00 to Shipman's; \$17398.00 to Firematic; \$930.00 to Fire Tech & Safety; \$2001.00 to American Fire; and \$4526.00 to C&S Specialty, as low bids for loose equipment, in accordance with the purchasing policy. Mr. Steere seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. DeSista has copies of the report for each Warden.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS:

MOTION 10-3-11: Mr. Steere moves to accept the report as submitted. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Mr. Ciccone thanks all the firefighters for their help during the storm this weekend.

Chief Perry advises that Mrs. Carpinelli, a charter member of Matunuck Ladies' Auxiliary and mother of John and Bob Carpinelli of Matunuck station, passed away on Saturday. The wake is Wednesday, and the funeral is on Thursday.

Chris Hiener advises that the fire extinguisher trainer has been used for three training sessions, and has had good reviews.

MOTION 10-3-12: Mr. Ciccone moves to add an item for discussion. Mr. White seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Ciccone advises that the Board would like to meet with the Chiefs on Sunday, April 18th at 10:00 AM. This is to be a posted, open meeting.

Mr. Steere moves to adjourn. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 15, 2010 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