

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
FEBRUARY 7, 2011 7:00 PM**

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

Chiefs: DC Pinch, Carney, Quinn, and Collinson

Others: District Clerk and Ms. Hogan

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Ciccone moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: DC Pinch reports that we are moving forward with plans for station 8. The next meeting will be on February 28th at 6:00 PM.

DISPATCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. McClarnon reports that they went over the old policy and found it was outdated. They brought it up to date to conform with the new equipment, and the system has improved considerably. They will implement the new policy this week per Chief Vespia, and it will be adhered to by all personnel. Chris Hiener has spoken to Captain Geaber, and there are a few questions regarding the policy. They may have to make a few more minor changes to address all questions. Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

LOSAP RETIREMENT PLAN: Ms. Hogan has researched the proposal and found that there is no statutory authority to establish a retirement plan for the firefighters. DC Quinn disputes Ms. Hogan's findings at length. Discussion. Ms. Hogan would like the record to reflect her concern and displeasure that when she is directed to research an issue and is then attacked for her report, it is not appropriate. Further discussion.

MOTION 11-2-1: Mr. McClarnon moves to table this issue until the next meeting, to allow legal counsel time to speak to Westerly and Ashaway fire districts regarding their retirement plans, and to contact Brad Preston of VFIS for additional information. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF BUCKET LOADER FOR TRACTOR: Dan Nolan has obtained three quotes.

MOTION 11-2-2: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase from Howard Johnson as low quote. Mr. Boisvert seconds. Discussion regarding monies to pay for the purchase. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINER:

Chris Hiener has obtained a sole source price from Bullex. There is only \$5200.00 budgeted for this item but Chris explains that Chief Perry has the balance of \$5717.34 for the trainer in a check he has received from Kingston Fire District. Discussion.

MOTION 11-2-3: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase of the trainer from Bullex for \$10917.34, with the approval of the treasurer and the Chief, and on condition that the funds are available. Mr. Boisvert seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF SONIC WALL: Chris Hiener has obtained three quotes for the Sonic Wall Security and has money budgeted for the purchase.

MOTION 11-2-4: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase from CDW-G for a total of \$3171.00. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TREADMILL: DC Collinson has obtained three quotes, and recommends Big Fitness, as low quote, for \$4444.00 including setup.

MOTION 11-2-5: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase from Big Fitness for \$4444.00. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Mr. Ciccone directs the administrator to send flowers to Chief Perry, who is in the hospital.

DC Carney asks if there is any progress with the Chiefs' cars from Masse Chevrolet. No.

Mr. Ciccone moves to adjourn. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Marco

District Clerk

Date Amended _____

Date Accepted _____

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I, Bette Marco, District Clerk, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the February 7, 2011 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