

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
AUGUST 15, 2011 7:00 PM**

Wardens: Present: Mr. Steere, Mr. Boisvert, Mr. McClarnon and Mr. Sloan

Chiefs: Chief Perry, Deputy Chiefs Quinn, Pinch and Collinson

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: **Motion 11-8-1:** Mr. McClarnon moves to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the meeting on July 18, 2011. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Pinch reports that there will be a Building Committee meeting immediately following the Wardens' Meeting tonight regarding the status of the Tuckertown Fire Station expansion and renovation project.

Motion 11-8-2: Mr. Boisvert moves to add building committee meeting report to the agenda and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion 11-8-3: Mr. Boisvert moves to table discussion of warden assignments and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

AWARD SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE BID: Motion 11-8-4: Mr. Boisvert moves to award Sport Utility Vehicle Bid to Paul Masse South for a Chevrolet Tahoe for the price of \$29,688.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY LIGHTS AND SIREN FOR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE: Motion 11-8-5: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of lights and siren package to the low bidder Strobes N. More for the price of \$3,071.83. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE BREATHING APPARATUS BID: Deputy Chief Quinn discussed the approved FEMA FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award. The approved project costs total \$78,750.00 for the grant award. The federal share is 90 percent of the project costs or \$70,875.00. The Union Fire District share is 10 percent of the project costs or \$7,875.00. The grants funds are to purchase breathing apparatus for the Union Fire District of South Kingstown. Bids were sought for the equipment and the low bidder was Shipman's Fire Equipment for a price of \$4,140.00 per unit (breathing apparatus). **Motion 11-8-6:** Mr. Boisvert moves to purchase nineteen breathing apparatus units from Shipman's. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE FOR HYDRANT REPLACEMENT AT TRAINING GROUND: Mr. Nolan discussed the need to replace the hydrant at the basement level of the burn building. Mr. Nolan obtained a sole source price from Sherman's Sand and Gravel to replace the hydrant and which is \$4000.00 including installation. **Motion 11-8-7:** Mr. Boisvert moves to award bid to Sherman's Sand and Gravel and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE IMC FIRE RECORDS TRAINING: **Motion 11-8-8:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve one day IMC fire records training session for Union Fire District personnel and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF SIDE RACK HOSE BEDS FOR ENGINE 21. Deputy Chief Collinson along with Captain Wieters discussed obtaining three price quotes for the installation of side rack hose beds for Engine 21 with the recommended vendor being South County Steel. **Motion 11-8-9:** Mr. McClarnon moves to award purchase of side rack hose beds to South County Steel for \$700.00 and which was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF FIRE RESCUE SAW: Chief Perry discussed receiving a Vent Master saw as an alternate from Shipman's rather than a Cutters Edge saw as previously ordered. Chief Perry advised that he liked the Vent Master saw which had good qualities as well as available parts at local vendors. It was further discussed that Firematic had bid the Vent Master saw which bid included two chains. Shipman's to be contacted to see if they will provide two chains as well and if not the saw will be returned to Shipman's and purchased from Firematic.

APPROVE PURCHASE FOR REPAIR/REPLACE ELECTRIC LOCK AT STATION 1: Mr. Nolan discussed the recent emergency replacement of the electric lock at Peacedale Fire Station at a cost of \$1,236.00. The Union Fire District will check into any existing warranty for the electric lock that is being replaced.

ANNUAL FIREMEN'S PARADE: Firefighter Nathan Street requested to release the budgeted funds for the Annual Firefighter's Memorial Parade to the South Kingstown Firefighter's Relief Association. **Motion 11-8-10:** Mr. McClarnon moves to release the funds for the Annual Firemen's Parade to the Firefighter's Relief Association and which was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries. The Annual Firefighter's Parade is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011.

DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WITH UNION OF HELLENIC FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS: Chief Perry discussed the upcoming international training scheduled during the month of October between the Union of Hellenic Fire Service Volunteers of Greece and the Union Fire District of South Kingstown. Chief Perry then discussed sending out a fundraising letter from the District to seeking donations to assist with the travel related costs for the volunteer firefighters from Greece. Chief Perry then advised that the fundraising goal was set at \$3,700. Discussion was engaged regarding the fundraising process and letter. **Motion 11-8-11:** Mr. McClarnon moves to authorize Chief Perry to send out the fundraising letter and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. DeSista has copies of the report for the Wardens.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS: **Motion 11-8-12:** Mr. McClarnon moves to accept tax collector's report and abatement report and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS

Deputy Chief Pinch then discussed the previous approved budget items for the reflective striping for Engines 2, Engine 21 and Engine 5. Deputy Chief then advised that the red and gold reflective striping has been installed on Engine 21 and it looks good and works very well.

Captain Wieters then discussed seeking guidance on the issue of Station 8 members assisting with clearing of the land as part of the building renovation project and being able to sell the cleared wood as a means of fundraising for the Tuckertown Fire Department. Chairman Steere recommended putting this item on the agenda for the next Wardens' Meeting for further discussion.

Deputy Chief Collinson then thanked the Board of Wardens for their support of his family during the recent loss of his mother.

Chairman Steere then discussed the recent loss of two members from the Union Fire District. Chairman Steere then held a moment of silence for both Mr. Norman Sprague and Mr. Marty Ballou along with other departed members of the Union Fire District.

A note of thanks was received by the Board of Wardens and Chief Perry from Deputy Chief Pinch on behalf of all the Deputy Chiefs and who attended the 2011 Firehouse Exposition in Baltimore, MD from July 20 to July 23, 2011. During the exposition the Deputy Chiefs attended over twenty five different training sessions and which included some of the following discussion topics: truck operations, safety, fire ground command, accident investigation, firefighter survival, fire ground tactics and management guidelines. The training sessions were taught by some of the leaders in fire service throughout the country.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 11-8-13:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn. Mr. Sloan seconds the motion. All in favor; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Blessing
District Clerk

Date Amended _____

Date Accepted _____

I, John P. Blessing, District Clerk, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the August 15, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Wardens of the Union Fire District of South Kingstown and that they have not been amended except as cited above.

John P. Blessing
District Clerk