

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
DECEMBER 5, 2011 7:00 PM**

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

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

Others: District Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 11-12-1: Mr. Ciccone moves to approve to dispense with reading of, and approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 21, 2011. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Pinch reports for the Building Committee that the land purchase for the Tuckertown Fire Station is still pending and the next building committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6PM. Deputy Chief Pinch further reported that there will be a Zoning Board hearing regarding the Tuckertown Fire Station project at the Town Hall on December 21, 2011 at 7PM. Deputy Chief Pinch also mentioned the need to begin discussions next year regarding potential renovations at the Matunuck Fire Station.

OLD BUSINESS:

SPECIAL SIGNAL DONATION: Mr. Ciccone advised that he did not have problem paying this but in the future would like to have forewarning along with itemization for this type of bill. Mr. Ciccone also discussed his concern regarding potential costs for Union Fire District regarding recent training with the Greek firefighters. Chief Perry then advised that he believed that we are going to end up breaking even and that a lot of donations have come in and are still coming in. Chief Perry then mentioned that it has cost a little bit of money so far because we ended up having to pay for the hotel. Mr. Ciccone then advised that his concern is due to a few unanticipated expenditures this year and it may be tough balancing the budget at the end of the year. **Motion 11-12-2:** Mr. Ciccone moves to approve the payment of \$1700 to the Special Signal Fire Association. Mr. Boisvert seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIO: Deputy Chief Carney then discussed a portable radio that recently stopped working and the estimate for repair was three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and recommended buying a new radio rather than repairing the older radio. **Motion 11-12-3:** Mr. Boisvert moves to purchase a new portable radio from WPCS for the sum of \$716.08. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR APPARATUS: Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that Mr. Brian Ballou went through all the trucks and connectors with the goal of implementing uniformity for the District regarding electrical cords, connectors and related equipment for the fire apparatus and related portable power units. **Motion 11-12-4:** Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of the electrical equipment from McMaster-Carr for the sum of \$955.10. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE RI ANALYTICAL INSPECTIONS: Discussion ensued regarding the recommendation by Mr. Marchetti to have asbestos testing conducted at both Station 1 (window replacement) and Station 8 (addition and renovations) prior to construction work being started on those buildings. **Motion 11-12-5:** Mr. Boisvert moves to approve asbestos consulting services for Stations 1 and Station 8 to R.I. Analytical for the combined sum of \$1,590.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF 5TH Edition Essentials Books. **Motion 11-12-6:** Mr. Ciccone moves to approve purchase of 5th Edition Essentials Books from the Connecticut Fire Academy for the sum of \$1,223.65. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE RI FIRE ACADEMY NFPA 1041 (Fire Instructor) training class: Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that the Union Fire District recently received a matching grant from the RI State Firemen's League which will cover half of the costs to hold a NFPA 1041 (Fire Instructor) training class at the UFD offices for sixteen (16) attendees. Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that the Union Fire District would pay the initial costs for the class and then would later be reimbursed for half of the costs with the matching grant funds. **Motion 11-12-7:** Mr. Boisvert moves to approve payment for the RI Fire Academy NFPA 1041 training class for the sum of \$3,375.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS: Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that he has the 2012 Union Fire District calendars and which cost twelve dollars (\$12.00) each. The upcoming breakfast fundraiser hosted by the Wakefield Fire Station was discussed and which is to take place on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 8AM to 11AM.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 11-12-8:** Mr. Ciccone moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM and which was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion passes.

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 December 5, 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