

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS  
MEETING MINUTES  
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.  
MARCH 5, 2012  
7:00 PM**

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

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

Others: District Clerk

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**Motion 12-3-1:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2012. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Mr. Steere reported for the Building Committee (**BC**) that bid for the water main project at Station 8 is on tonight's agenda. Mr. Steere further advised that there is a building subcommittee meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 4PM to review the criteria and qualifications regarding the submitted bids for the Station 8 building project.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AWARD BID FOR WATER MAIN PROJECT (STATION 8):** **Motion 12-3-2:** Mr. Ciccone moves to award the bid for the water main project work at Station 8 to Wilco Development for the sum \$54,768.00 in accordance with the purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

**APPROVE RENTAL OF STORAGE CONTAINER (STATION 8):** Mr. Nolan then discussed obtaining price quotes for a rental storage container at Station 8. Discussion ensued regarding the required size, length of rental period and placement of the storage container at Station 8 during the construction project. **Motion 12-3-3:** Mr. McClarnon moves to rent a forty (40) foot storage container from Wood & Wire for a period of eight months for the total sum of \$760.00 in accordance with the purchasing policy. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS: Mr. Steere then discussed the recent hydrant rental rate increases from United Water. Mr. Blessing then advised that it has been learned that United Water requested rate increases and which was approved by the Public Utilities Commission on January 10, 2012 to be effective on January 12, 2012. These rate increases included a one hundred percent (100%) rate increase for municipal fire service. Discussion ensued regarding proper notification of the proposed rate increases to the Union Fire District along with concerns that these significant rate increases take effect during the present fiscal year. Additionally, discussion involved fiscal concerns that the hydrant rental expenditures will double in the upcoming fiscal year which will result in a significant increase to the hydrant rental expenses budget line item. Mr. Blessing then advised that Ms. Hogan, legal counsel, is looking into the issue.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 12-3-4:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM 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 March 5, 2012 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.

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John P. Blessing  
District Clerk