

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

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

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

Others: District Clerk

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 12-11-1: Mr. Ciccone moves to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 2012. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Pinch reported that progress continues to be made at the Tuckertown Station building project. Deputy Chief Pinch further reported that no problems occurred during the recent storm at the building site and that the next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

AWARD BID FOR BRUSH/QUICK ATTACK APPARATUS: Mr. Ciccone advised that three bids packages were received and following review of those bids packages it is the recommendation of the Truck Committee that the bid be awarded to Minuteman Trucks for the sum of \$128,669.00. Mr. Ciccone further advised that there \$130,000.00 allotted in the budget for the brush truck purchase and the remaining available funds be utilized for the lettering of the truck and which was not included in the bid specifications.

Motion 12-11-2: Mr. Ciccone moves to award bid to Minuteman Trucks for the sum of \$128,669.00 and which was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS: Mr. Hiener discussed replacing all of the Station's computers with the exception of Peacedale (Station 1) and which computer was replaced last year. Mr. Hiener then advised that the computer at the Mechanic's garage would also be replaced with this purchase. **Motion 12-11-3:** Mr. Ciccone moves to approve purchase of eight (8) desktop computers to Dell for the sum of \$4,769.60. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS: **Motion 12-11-4:** Mr. Boisvert moves to award purchase of laptop computers to Dell for the sum of \$1,707.90 and which was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

LETTER FROM NARRAGANSETT FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Steere then read a letter received from Narragansett Fire Chief James Cotter and which thanked the Union Fire District along with Deputy Chief Richard Collinson regarding recent training provided to the Narragansett Fire Department involving pump testing on September 26, 2012. The Narragansett Fire Department also made a donation to the Joint Training Committee for the sum of \$250.00 in appreciation for the above mention training.

DISCUSS ABERDEEN BUILDING REPAIRS: Mr. Nolan then discussed recent damage to the Aberdeen building during Hurricane Sandy and is in the process of obtaining estimates for the roof repairs. Mr. Nolan then advised that to fully repair the roof and which would include stripping the roof, installing plywood and aluminum trim in addition to new roof shingles may cost up to \$10,000.00. Mr. Nolan further advised that he will also check into patching the damaged roof area as well. Discussion ensued regarding the roof repairs and which included submitting an insurance claim to VFIS as well as a potential FEMA reimbursement regarding the roof damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

DISCUSS UFD PREPERATION, RESPONSE AND AFTER ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HURRICANCE SANDY: Chief Perry then advised that the District had over one hundred and fifteen (115) members working during Hurricane Sandy. Chief Perry further discussed the need to conduct an assessment of District facilities to include emergency power at the various fire stations. Chief Perry advised that the need for emergency power at the stations was very evident during and following the storm. Discussion ensued regarding the need for generators at the District offices along with the fire stations along with efforts to seek grant funding if available.

DISCUSS UFD RESPONSE TO RESIDENTIAL FIRE ALARM: Discussion ensued regarding the recent UFD response to a residential fire alarm and which involved a domestic incident with possible weapons involved. It was further discussed that the UFD first responders while approaching the residential fire alarm were notified by police and then dispatch to stand down due to a domestic situation inside the residence with possible weapons involved. The UFD first responders then cleared the area and staged nearby with other responding units and subsequently cleared the area. Chief Perry then advised that he has met with South Kingstown Police Captain Geaber regarding the incident and it was learned that dispatch received a residential fire alarm as well as a domestic call at two different residences on the same street. Following arrival at the domestic call, police determined that the domestic had occurred at another residence and which had reported the fire alarm and that there may be weapons inside the residence. This information was then relayed by police and dispatch to the UFD first responders as well as other responding units. Chief Perry then advised that he will be seeking coordinated training with South Kingstown Police and UFD regarding responding to these types of incidents, to include active shooter training, in the future.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Chief Perry then advised thanked again all of those who worked during the storm and which included members of the Board of Wardens, Chiefs, Officers, Firefighters, Ladies Auxiliary and employees for their outstanding service during Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Ciccone also praised the outstanding efforts and job well done by the members of the

Union Fire District during the storm. Mr. Ciccone further advised that he has been associated with the Union Fire District for over fifty years and that the members have always done a tremendous job during snowstorms and hurricanes and the dedication demonstrated is always above and beyond.

Deputy Chief Carney advised that he is in the process of looking into a new service contract for a communications company to provide radio and related tower service work for the Union Fire District. Deputy Chief Carney further advised that the communications company that had provided this work is no longer providing this type of service in Rhode Island.

Mr. Blessing then advised that FEMA has contacted the UFD and is interested in utilizing the UFD offices at 131 Asa Pond Road in the coming weeks to process storm related claims by town residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 12-10-5: Mr. Boisvert moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:32 PM and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. 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 November 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.

John P. Blessing
District Clerk