

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
DECEMBER 17, 2012
7:00 PM**

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

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

Others: District Clerk and Mr. DeSista

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 12-12-6: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 3, 2012. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Pinch reported for the Building Committee that the building is coming along fine although there was a hold up on the new garage door. Deputy Chief Pinch further advised that although the weather had been holding out the building needs to be buttoned up during the upcoming winter months.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS FLAGPOLE AT STATION 1: Discussion ensued regarding District funding for the new flagpole at Station 1. Mr. Ciccone made a motion to deny the flagpole funding request. No second was made to the motion. Mr. McClarnon subsequently made a motion that the District reimburses Peacedale for half of the flagpole costs. No second was made for this motion. Chairman Steere then noted that no seconds were made to either motions and moved onto new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

AWARD PROTECTIVE CLOTHING BID: **Motion 12-12-7:** Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to award purchase of protective clothing bid to Firematic for the sum of \$38,150.00 as per the District's purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD STORAGE CONTAINER PURCHASE: Discussion ensued regarding purchasing a storage container for Station 6. **Motion 12-12-8:** Mr. Ciccone moves to award purchase of storage container to Mobile Storage for the sum of \$4,000.00 as per the District's purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS: Chief Perry discussed utilizing a recent public bid opening from the City of Warwick regarding the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. Chief Perry then advised that the bid price quote by Firematic for MSA thermal imaging cameras was \$6,100.00 (apiece) and that these cameras are the same type as utilized by the UFD. Discussion ensued regarding the Warwick bid process, obtaining copies of the bid opening and related price quotes as well as checking on the warranty offered with the quotes. **Motion 12-12-9:** Mr. Boisvert makes motion to utilize the City of Warwick public bid for the purchase of four (4) thermal imaging cameras from Firematic. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS ENGINE 18: Chief Perry then discussed several break downs involving Engine 18 since it was repaired by New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus following the coolant leak. Chief Perry then mentioned a letter from Captain Duckworth that was forwarded to the Board of Wardens. Chief Perry further discussed his concerns regarding Engine 18. Discussion ensued regarding Engine 18 and to await further discussion following the return of Engine 18 from the Cummings engine dealer following repairs to the fuel rack.

DISCUSS SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTION FEES: Assistant Fire Marshal Hiener then discussed changes to the state laws as of January 1st 2013 regarding smoke detector inspections fees for residential re-sale re-inspections. AFM Hiener then advised that initial inspections will remain a \$30.00 fee per state law but any subsequent re-inspection fees have changed from a \$30.00 fee to a \$60.00 fee. AFM Hiener further advised that notice will be sent out by the Union Fire District's Fire Marshal's Office to all area realtors regarding the new UFD fee changes pursuant to the 2013 Rhode Island Fire Safety Code.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS: **Motion 12-12-10:** Mr. Ciccone moves to approve the Tax Collector's report as presented and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS: Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that he would like to revisit the flagpole agenda item and that he understands that it was not a budgeted item and there are concerns about setting a precedent and further discussed his support for the project and requested that the District meet halfway to help fund the project. Mr. Ciccone then advised that he understood what Deputy Chief Collinson was saying and then discussed the changes in requests from the station regarding funding for the flagpole. Mr. Ciccone further advised that the District has recently done a lot of budgeted work at Station 1 this year and that there is more work to be done. Mr. Ciccone further discussed his concerns for unbudgeted requests from stations. Discussion continued regarding the flagpole, budget concerns and purchasing practices.

Mr. Ciccone then discussed having a moment of silence for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. Chairman Steere then held a moment of silence for the victims in the recent Connecticut tragedy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 12-12-11: Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:31 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 December 17, 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