

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS  
MEETING MINUTES  
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.  
AUGUST 19, 2013  
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 approximately 7:03 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Motion 13-8-1:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the meeting minutes from July 15, 2013. Mr. Ciccone seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

**COMMITTEES & REPORTS:**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Deputy Chief Pinch reported that the Building Committee met earlier tonight and there have been no changes at the Tuckertown Fire Station and only need to complete a few items for the building project. Deputy Chief Pinch further advised the Building Committee also began preliminary discussions regarding future addition and renovations at the Matunuck Fire Station.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Deputy Chief Collinson reported for the Training Committee that the Joint Training Committee is going well and there will be a media day on September 8, 2013 involving fire service related demonstrations at the Training Grounds. Deputy Chief Collinson further advised that there will be a "Touch a Truck" event held at the Shaw's Supermarket parking lot on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Deputy Chief Collinson further advised that the Firefighters parade is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, 2013. Deputy Chief Collinson also discussed a recruitment day to be held at all of the fire stations on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that the new recruitment signs have been placed outside all of the fire stations, mentioned the recent Channel 10 coverage involving the Union and Kingston Fire Districts recruitment drive efforts and that the District now has over 450 followers on the Facebook. Mr. Ciccone then advised that he was impressed with the Channel 10 story and that both Deputy Chiefs Pinch and DeGrave did an excellent job during the interviews. Deputy Chief Collinson then mentioned that the District will be hosting a NFPA 1001 Level 1 firefighter training class and which is full class with thirty attendees.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS SOUTH KINGSTOWN FIREFIGHTERS PARADE: **Motion 13-8-2:** Mr. Ciccone moves to authorize expenditure of budgeted funds for the South Kingstown Firefighters Parade which will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF FIRE RESCUE CHAIN SAWS: **Motion 13-8-3:** Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of two (2) fire rescue chain saws to the low bidder Shipman's for the sum of \$3,248.00. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF JUNKIN SAFETY STRETCHER WITH FLOTATION DEVICE: **Motion 13-8-4:** Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of one (1) Junkin Safety Stretcher with Flotation Device to low bidder Firematic for the sum of \$565.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF IPAD: Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of an iPad and which tool was used extensively during recent search and rescue efforts involving a missing father and son in West Kingston. Discussion continued with regards to how instrumental the iPads were during the recent search efforts. **Motion 13-8-5:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve purchase of the iPad from Verizon for the sum of \$629.99 with loose equipment funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. Further discussion ensued regarding purchasing four (4) iPads total for the Command Staff as well as adding a hot spot capability for Deputy Chief Pinch's cell phone. Mr. Ciccone then moved to amend the motion to purchase of four (4) iPads and add hot spot capability for the Deputy Chief Pinch's cell phone. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF eDISPATCHES SYSTEM: Mr. McClarnon then discussed the eDispatches system that was demonstrated at the recent Baltimore Firehouse Expo. Mr. McClarnon then discussed the system and which has the capability to send both text messages and voice broadcasts of dispatch communications. Mr. McClarnon further advised that the Union Fire District could demo the system for thirty days at no cost. **Motion 13-8-6:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve a free trial subscription of the eDispatches system for the Union Fire District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF THREE (3) COMPUTERS: **Motion 13-8-7:** Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase of three (3) desktop computers with Microsoft office home and business software from Dell. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF TWO (2) COPIES OF FILEMAKER PRO SOFTWARE: **Motion 13-8-8:** Mr. Ciccone moved to table this item and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS ENGINE 18: Mr. Ciccone then advised that he has had discussions while checking into the status of Engine 18 and which has been out of service at New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus (NEFEA) for some time. Mr. Ciccone further advised that he has spoken with the District's mechanic Mr. Richard Arnold regarding Engine

18's status and learned that there was a shorted wire found in the wiring harness. Mr. Ciccone further advised that the cause of the shorted wire was believed to be from the antifreeze leak and which may be a continuing problem. Discussion ensued regarding the present status of Engine 18, future use and whether it should be traded in for the new pumpers that will be going out to bid in the near future. **Motion 13-8-9:** Mr. McClarnon made motion to trade Engine 18 as part of the purchase for the new apparatus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. DeSista provided copies of the treasurer's report for the Wardens.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS: **Motion 13-8-10:** Mr. Ciccone moves to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Mr. Ciccone would like to have the members of the Truck Committee present and meet following the conclusion of the Wardens' meeting. Mr. Ciccone further advised that the new brush truck anticipated delivery is the end of next week.

Deputy Chief Pinch advised that he will be forwarding the LOSAP paperwork tomorrow to the Administrator's office. Deputy Chief Pinch further advised that he filed a report to the Wardens regarding all the activity at the Firehouse Expo and then discussed one class that Deputy Chiefs attended and that the District will conduct similar training at the burn building in the future.

Chief Perry then advised that Engine 22 will be going back to Minuteman Trucks to be repainted and which work is under warranty

Mr. McClarnon then commended Chief Perry, Deputy Chiefs and all of the firefighters for their outstanding efforts during the recent search and rescue efforts. Mr. Ciccone agreed and advised that we have a great bunch of people. Mr. Steere also agreed and advised that the search was very well coordinated.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion 13-8-10:** Mr. Boisvert moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:51 PM and which was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. 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 August 19, 2013 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