

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
7:00 PM**

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

Chiefs: Chief Perry, Deputy Chiefs 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 13-9-1: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the meeting minutes from August 19, 2013. Mr. Sloan 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 still remains a few items to complete at Station 8. Deputy Chief Pinch further advised the Building Committee met with Project Manager William Marchetti earlier this evening to discuss potential building improvements and additions to the Matunuck Fire Station. A building assessment will be conducted for Station 7 in the near future.

TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT: Deputy Chief Collinson reported for the Training Committee that there will be a "Touch a Truck" event held on Saturday, September 21st, 2013 at the Shaw's parking lot from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and the South Kingstown Firefighters Parade will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 1:00 PM. Deputy Chief Collinson further reported that there will be open houses held at each of the fire stations on Saturday, October 5th, 2013. Deputy Chief Collinson also reported that the Union Fire District will be holding a NFPA 1001 Level 1 Firefighter class starting on September 24th, 2013 and the class will run for three months.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS BROWN BEAR ROAD PRIVATE HYDRANTS: Discussion ensued regarding a request by Brown Bear road residents for the Union Fire District (UFD) to pay the rental fees for private hydrants on Brown Bear Road. Ms. Margaret Hogan then advised that she has been the solicitor for the UFD since 1994 and during 1995 a similar question was brought forth involving private landowners and who sought for the UFD to pay their private hydrant fees. Ms. Hogan then advised that the matter was reviewed and it was determined that the UFD could not expend public funds for private benefit. Ms. Hogan subsequently recommended that the UFD decline the request by the Brown Bear Road residents and which recommendation is well grounded in law and policy. Discussion ensued regarding this recommendation. **Motion 13-9-2:** Mr. McClarnon

moves to deny request by Brown Bear road residents for the UFD to pay the private hydrant rental fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF TEMPEST VSG VARIABLE SPEED BLOWER: Motion 13-9-3: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase of a Tempest VSG variable speed blower to Firematic for the sum of \$1783.00 in accordance with the purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

DIVE TEAM TRAINING CLASS: Deputy Chief Pinch then discussed a combined dive team training class involving both UFD and South Kingstown Police members. Discussion included using remaining funds from the Dive team account from FY2012-2013 in addition to training funds from FY2013-2014 to pay for the training class and which costs \$295.00 per diver. **Motion 13-9-4:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the Dive team training class and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF EDISPATCHES SYSTEM: Discussion ensued regarding the eDispatches system and which was demonstrated for the past month with favorable results. **Motion 13-9-5:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve purchase of eDispatches system (Deputy Chief Plan) with annual fee of \$2,148.00 with one time set up fee of \$99.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF APPARATUS BAY DOOR REPLACEMENT AT STATION 3: Motion 13-9-6: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase of apparatus bay door replacement at Station 3 from Fagan Door for the sum of \$2,361.00 in accordance with the purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD BID ON DIESEL GENERATORS: Motion 13-9-7: Mr. McClarnon moves to accept the bid for two (2) diesel generators installed from Milton CAT for the sum of \$107,480.00 in accordance with the bid and purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. 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 13-9-8:** Mr. Boisvert 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: Chief Perry then discussed the upcoming "Touch a Truck" event scheduled for this Saturday, September 21st and the South Kingstown Firefighters Parade scheduled for this Sunday, September 22nd.

REQUEST TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2): Motion 13-9-9: Mr. McClarnon moves to convene in executive session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2) regarding possible litigation in relation to proposed rate increases by United Water. Mr. Boisvert seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

No votes were taken in executive session.

Motion 13-9-10: Mr. McClarnon moves to reconvene into the open meeting and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 13-9-11:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:22 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 September 16, 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.

John P. Blessing
District Clerk