

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
AUGUST 4, 2014
7:00 PM**

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

Chiefs: Deputy Chiefs Carney, Pinch, Collinson and Whaley

Others: District Clerk and Ms. Hogan

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 14-8-1: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2014. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Nolan reported no changes since the last report.

TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT: Deputy Chief Collinson advised that work on the burn building began this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS LANDSCAPING AT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING: This agenda item was tabled until the September 15th meeting.

TRAINING GROUNDS ASPHALT REPAIRS: This agenda item was tabled until the September 15th meeting.

DISTRICT COMPUTER USE POLICY: This agenda item was tabled until the September 15th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

BID AWARD FOR ELECTRONIC DOOR ACCESS: Motion 14-8-2: Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to rescind the bid award for electronic door access, motion 14-7-2, and which was approved on July 21, 2014. Mr. Ciccone further advised that it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Union Fire District to rescind the bid award and for the Union Fire District to go back out to bid for electronic door access following review of the submitted bid documents. Mr. Sloan then seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

BSBCRI RATE INCREASE: Discussion ensued regarding the recent renewal notice from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island regarding rate changes totaling 32.9% for the Union Fire District plan effective upon renewal October 1, 2014.

MILTON CAT GENERATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT: Discussion ensued regarding the need for a maintenance service contract for the newly installed automatic generators from Milton CAT. **Motion 14-8-3:** Mr. McClarnon then moved to approve a sole source two year maintenance service contract with Milton CAT (installer) for the sum of \$840.00 per year per generator. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

CMC RESCUE SCHOOL: Captain Brandmeier then discussed an upcoming rope rescue class by CMC Rescue and which may cost up to \$7,500 for six attendees from the Union Fire District. **Motion 14-8-4:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to approve the CMC Rescue Rope Rescue I / II class for the UFD attendees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

2014 SK FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL PARADE: **Motion 14-8-5:** Mr. Ciccone moves to approve the release of budgeted funds to the South Kingstown Firefighter's Relief Association for the Firefighters Parade to be held on September 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by both Mr. Boisvert and Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS: **Motion 14-8-6:** Mr. Ciccone then moves to appoint Acting Fire Chief Jack Carney, Deputy Chief Steven Pinch, Deputy Richard Collinson, Deputy Chief Lance Whaley, Acting Deputy Chief Tony Cinquegrana, Legal Counsel Margaret Hogan, Treasurer Richard DeSista and Clerk John Blessing. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Deputy Chief Richard Collinson then then advised that he was thankful for the opportunity to assist with his duties for the Union Fire District again this year.

Mr. Hiener then advised that he would like to update everyone regarding the status of the tear sheet printers. Mr. Hiener advised that recent IMC software changes created some problems with the tear sheet printers. Mr. Hiener further advised that he along with Mr. Jim McGill have remedied the issues with the tear sheet printers and which are now working fine.

Mr. McClarnon then advised that although there is a change in Chiefs along with a new Deputy it was important to also acknowledge all the good work that was done by Chief Perry for the District during his tenure. Mr. McClarnon further advised that Chief Perry brought the District to where it is today. Mr. McClarnon then advised based on his retirement; he wishes Chief Perry the best of health, luck and happiness in his future endeavors.

Chief Carney then inquired if there were any results regarding the hydrant maintenance issue and was advised that there were no results to date.

Lieutenant Joseph Notorantonio then advised that on Saturday, August 16th between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 pm a Physical Therapist (PT) will be visiting Station 3 to provide evaluations as well as recommending corrective strengthening exercises if needed. Lieutenant Notorantonio then advised that the PT is offering these services free of charge and is his way of giving back to the community. Lieutenant Notorantonio also advised that the PT has also offered to provide follow up evaluations six months later as well. Lieutenant Notorantonio further advised that this physical therapist had also offered similar services in the past for the Detroit Fire Department while residing in Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 14-8-7:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 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 4, 2014 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