

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS  
MEETING MINUTES  
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.  
OCTOBER 20, 2014  
7:00 PM**

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

Chiefs: Deputy Chiefs Pinch, Collinson, Whaley and Cinquegrana

Others: District Clerk and Mr. DeSista

Mr. Ciccone called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Motion 14-10-8:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 2014. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

**COMMITTEES & REPORTS:**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Deputy Chief Pinch reported that the Building committee met tonight and discussed future building projects for Stations 7 & 6. Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that the building project involving Station 8 is nearly wrapped up with the exception of the electronic access system. The next building committee meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2014.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Deputy Chief Collinson reported that the NFPA 1403 class will begin on October 29, 2014.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FIREFIGHTER BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Discussion ensued regarding the firefighter background checks and which are required following the passage of two bills which include S2712 and H8037. Both bills include language which include "any person seeking employment as a firefighter with any city or town in Rhode Island shall undergo a national and state criminal background check to be initiated prior to, or within one week of employment after receiving a conditional offer of employment." At this time this statute appears applicable to individuals seeking employment with paid fire departments and not volunteer fire departments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AWARD HOSE EQUIPMENT BID: Motion 14-10-9:** Mr. Boisvert makes a motion to award hose equipment bid to C&S Specialty for the total sum of \$10,920.64. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

**DISCUSS NATIONAL FALLEN FIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND:** Firefighter Chris McGrath then advised that he along with four firefighters from the District Honor Guard

attended the 2014 National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Weekend (NFFW). Firefighter McGrath then advised that the Honor Guard would like to express their thanks for being able to attend the very worthwhile, educational and moving event. Firefighter McGrath further advised the District Honor Guard had a special detail this year and which included guarding the Presidential wreath in front of the Memorial at the National Fire Academy. Mr. Ciccone then commented that he understood that the Honor Guard made the Union Fire District very proud while attending the NFFW event. Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that the Honor Guard had their photograph taken in front of the Memorial and which was later sent out nationally. Deputy Chief Collinson further discussed difficulties reserving nearby lodging for the NFFW and the need to make early room reservations. There were no objections regarding making early room reservations for the 2015 NFFW.

**DISCUSS DISTRICT CREDIT CARD:** Deputy Chief Collinson then discussed the need to obtain additional credit cards for the District. Deputy Chief Collinson then discussed difficulties when renting vehicles with the District credit card as these rentals need to be made by the card holder. Deputy Chief Collinson then requested permission for each Deputy to have a District credit card in their name for District related expenses. Mr. Ciccone then advised that input is needed from District Treasurer DeSista along with Chairman Steere. Discussion ensued regarding this matter. **Motion 14-10-10:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to have Mr. DeSista look into the matter regarding District credit cards for the Fire Chiefs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. 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 14-10-11:** Mr. Boisvert 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 commented that the District responded to a structure fire last night and that everyone did a fantastic job at the scene.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion 14-10-12:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:24 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 October 20, 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.

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John P. Blessing, District Clerk