

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
JUNE 15, 2015
7:00 PM**

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

Chiefs: Deputy Chiefs Pinch, Collinson and Cinquegrana

Others: Mr. DeSista

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 15-6-1: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 18, 2015. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: Deputy Chief Pinch reported that Building Committee will be meeting with the abutting property owner near Station 6 to discuss potential building improvements and or renovations at the Tower Hill Fire Station and that the land swap process for the Matunuck Fire Station building project has moved along in a positive direction during the last couple of weeks.

TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT: Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that committee is looking into hosting a Firefighter Level 1 class at the District offices through a SAFER grant. Deputy Chief Collinson further advised that the Union Fire District (UFD) will be hosting a Foam training class on July 12, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE RISFL GRANT MATCHING EXPENDITURE FOR NFPA 1002 AERIAL CLASS: Captain Notarantonio then discussed receiving a grant from Rhode Island State Firefighter's League and which will pay fifty percent (50%) of a NFPA 1002 Aerial Class hosted by the UFD. **Motion 15-6-2:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to approve the UFD cost share expenditure of \$1,890 for the NFPA 1002 Aerial training class. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD DIESEL GENERATORS BID: Discussion ensued regarding the diesel generators bid. **Motion 15-6-3:** Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to award the diesel generator bid to Holland Electric in accordance with District purchasing with consideration for standardization for the total sum of \$95,028.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD VOICE PAGERS BID: **Motion 15-6-4:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to award the voice pagers bid to sole bidder Ballou Electrical for the total sum of \$5,068.50 in accordance with District purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD FORESTRY EXTERIOR PAINTING BID: **Motion 15-6-5:** Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to award the exterior painting bid for Station 3 to Dennis Moffitt Painting for the sum of \$10,800.00 in accordance with the District purchasing policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF FLASHLIGHTS: **Motion 15-6-6:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to approve the purchase of twenty four flashlights from Shipman's for the sum of \$2,472.00 in accordance with the District purchasing policy. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR REPEATER REPAIRS: **Motion 15-6-7:** Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to approve expenditure of \$2,232.56 for repeater repairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

APPROVE INTERCOM AND DOOR RELEASE INTEGRATION OPTION FOR ELECTRONIC DOOR ACCESS SYSTEM: **Motion 15-6-8:** Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to approve this expenditure for the sum of \$932.38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS UFD COVERAGE OF JERUSALEM VILLAGE: Mr. Ciccone then discussed visiting the Jerusalem area recently and observing many renovated and or larger homes in the area. Mr. Ciccone further mentioned the agreement between the UFD and the Town of Narragansett and which the UFD provides fire protection services for the Jerusalem area for the annual fee \$500. Mr. Ciccone then recommended meeting with Narragansett officials in the future to revisit the matter. **Motion 15-6-9:** Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to table this matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

UFD AMUBULANCE LICENSE: Mr. Hiener then advised that the District has been working on this matter for some time and which included some recently approved SOG's. Mr. Hiener then mentioned that one benefit to obtaining the ambulance license would be that any members who are EMT's would be able to have their EMT license recertified at no cost. Discussion included questions as to what District vehicle was to be used as ambulance and who would be the UFD EMS coordinator. Mr. Hiener then advised that plans were to utilize Special Hazards 1 and the Captain at Station 1 would be assigned as EMS coordinator. Mr. Ciccone then inquired about costs for the ambulance and Mr. Hiener then advised that there may be an additional insurance cost of \$500. Mr. Ciccone then inquired if the Chief and or Deputy Chiefs were aware of this initiative. Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that he was aware of the matter, supported obtaining the ambulance license and which would be beneficial for the District. **Motion 15-6-10:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to grant permission for the District to move forward with obtaining the ambulance license from the Rhode Island Department of Health. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS REVISED SOG 06-001 TRAINING GROUNDS FACILITIES: Discussion ensued regarding the revised policy. **Motion 15-6-11:** Mr. Ciccone then made a motion to table the agenda item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS REVISED SOG ATV Vehicle Use: Deputy Chief Pinch then requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting. **Motion 15-6-12:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to table the matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS REQUEST BY TYCO FOR BUILDING STRUCTURE IN TRAINING FACILITY: Representatives from Tyco then discussed the mission of Tyco Fire Protection Products along with their interest in building a temporary attic prop to test the intensity of modern day fire ground against suppression systems on the UFD training facility grounds. Tyco then proposed building a 60' wide by 100' long structure which will be elevated 6' off the ground and to include pipes, sprinklers and water supply for fire suppression. Testing would be handled by trained Tyco representatives and UFD firefighters would be welcome to attend the testing for training related purposes. Mr. Ciccone then inquired as to how this building structure would benefit to the Union Fire District. Tyco representatives then advised benefits would include witnessing fires in lightweight construction attics, obtaining first-hand experience with fires and suppression systems, data and the potential future use of the prop if desired (ventilation cuts etc.). Tyco representatives also discussed either donating the prop for training and or following testing dismantling and hauling the structure materials away. Mr. McClarnon then requested any input from the present fire chiefs regarding the Tyco request. Deputy Chief Pinch then inquired where the building structure will be located in the training grounds area and whether the building and testing would affect other training areas, programs and or neighbors. Further discussion included potential cost savings for Tyco for use of the District training facilities, benefit of such testing for the Union Fire District and agreements for use of the District training grounds and facilities. **Motion 15-6-13:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to table the matter pending further information, review and research. 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 15-6-14:** Mr. Ciccone moves to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS: No comments were made at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 15-6-15:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:11 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 June 15, 2015 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