

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS  
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.  
FEBRUARY 24, 2016 6:00 PM**

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

Others: District Clerk, Chief Carney and Mr. Nolan

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Discussion ensued regarding a capital improvement budget, station repairs, equipment requests, department budgets, administrative expenses, new vehicle purchases and the budget meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the Computer budget and which was increased a total of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of additional iPads and District email addresses. Discussion ensued regarding the Communications budget and the potential need to improve the District wide radio system in the future. Chief Carney then advised that he is looking into price estimates for the new radio system and which may total several hundred thousand dollars and which the UFD would have a potential cost share with Kingston Fire District and the Town of South Kingstown. Discussion also ensued regarding purchasing a repeater/receiver equipment to improve voice pager coverage in the Matunuck/Green Hill areas. The cost for the repeater/receiver equipment was estimated between \$7,000.00 and \$8,000.00. The R&M Motorized Equipment budget was reviewed and the total was increased to \$223,000.00. Discussion ensued regarding the Requests All Stations (Buildings) budget. Following discussion this budget was reduced from \$459,970.00 to the total sum of \$182,470.00. Discussion ensued regarding Salaries and Benefits and it was agreed to increase salaries by 3% for FY16-17. Discussion also ensued regarding recent Blue Cross/Blue Shield increases over the recent years and that the District would discuss increasing employees' contribution to the cost of their health care insurance during the FY17-18 budget year. Further discussion ensued regarding funding the Capital Improvement budget for Building/Land, Trucks and Equipment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

The next budget meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00PM at 131 Asa Pond Road, Wakefield, RI.

Respectfully submitted,

John Blessing  
District Clerk

Date Amended \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

I, John Blessing, District Clerk, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the February 24, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Wardens of the Union Fire District and that they have not been amended except as cited above.

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John Blessing  
District Clerk