

North Cumberland Fire District

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2005

Opening:

The regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District was called to order at

7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 by acting chairman Paul Lindquist.

Present: Absent:

Paul Lindquist Edward LeBlanc

Martin Klara Robert Audette

Matthew Gannon

Ronald Dupont

Brian Campbell

John Aharonian

Others Present:

Rene Gendreau, Chief

Fay Dakake, Clerk

Daniel Hamel, Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the Clerk's report as written. All in favor. So voted.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hamel's report included:

- o Financial summary dated January 19, 2005**
- o Tax collections report dated December 31, 2004**
- o Balance sheet as of December 31, 2004**
- o Profit and Loss statement dated December 2004**
- o Profit and Loss statement July through December 2004**
- o Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual (July through December 2004)**

Treasurer Hamel stated that he did have a chance to talk to Rick Alger regarding the Fleet account (#1100). Mr. Alger was not able to explain why it was not recorded. Treasurer Hamel and Chief Gendreau have decided to transfer these funds (\$6166.46) into the Citizen's account. The Chief acknowledged that it would probably be done next week. Mr. Lindquist questioned the Credit Union Central Falls Money Market account (#1044). Chief Gendreau believes that he has closed all accounts and moved them to Citizens. In looking at the balance sheet, Mr. Lindquist questioned the dates of the S-90 Ford and the SQ 50-1987 Ford. Chief Gendreau responded saying that after speaking with Treasurer Hamel, correcting the dates to the new brush truck and jeep would distort the balance sheet. It will be straightened out

for the next budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Klara, to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor. So voted.

As a last note, Treasure Hamel pointed out that on the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, the budget column represented 90% of the budget.

C. Tax Collector's Report

Tax Collector Geraldine Dupont's report shows taxes collected during and through the month of December 2004. Tax Collector Dupont mentioned that she has started sending out delinquent letters. Approximately 600 letters will be sent.

A motion was made by Mr. Klara, seconded by Mr. Campbell to accept the tax collector's report. All in favor. So voted.

D. Chief's Report and Monthly Expenditures

Chief Gendreau submitted a monthly report and expenditures dated December 2004.

Chief Gendreau pointed out:

- o Recertification training for CPR has been completed**
- o Vehicle extrication training (a certified program) was given by Bob**

Shields and was attended by every department in town.

o JGS Doors installed electric eyes on the remaining 3 overhead doors.

o Fire alarms were tested and 2 heat detectors and 1 smoke detector were replaced. A heat detector was added to the tax collector's office.

o Captain Delise researched a concrete pad for the storage shed. He received a quote of \$1,600.00. \$500.00 was budgeted for lumber. The Chief feels there are sufficient funds in the building account to cover the additional \$1,100.00 for a maintenance free surface. He asked that this be discussed in New Business.

o A 3rd defibulator has been purchased. Now all 3 vehicles are equipped with defibulators them.

Chief Gendreau clarified page 1, item #6200, of the bills submitted. He indicated that this amount is also a stipend from the state.

A motion was made by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to accept the Chief's report and expenditures. All in favor. So voted.

E. Committee Reports

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes

No comment.

Personnel, Labor Relations

Mr. Lindquist read a communication from Deputy Chief Steven A. Garon, dated 1/18/05, announcing his retirement, effective 1/30/05. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Lindquist extended his best wishes to Deputy Garon.

Negotiations

Mr. Campbell reported that he will be contacting Mr. LeBlanc and requesting a meeting in early February.

Nominations

No comment.

Buildings, Grounds, Apparatus, Computer

Mr. Klara reported that the sign has been delivered. Chief Gendreau stated he will be contacting Mr. Klara regarding apparatus replacement. Mr. Aharonian volunteered to be on this committee.

Insurance

No comment.

Public Relations

Chief Gendreau announced that the Union requested January 30, 2005 for the appreciation dinner. He will contact Lt. Emerson once

the date is confirmed with the Beagle Club.

F. Old Business

ISO Report

Chief Gendreau reported that following the board meeting with the representative of ISO, they reinstated NCFD rating to a class 4.

A motion was made by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Ahorian to send a copy of the reinstatement to our new mayor, Mr. Iwuc. All in favor. So voted.

Charter

As a follow-up, Mr. Dupont contacted Representative Singleton. Representative Singleton mentioned that the attorney for the House of Representatives has indicated that some of the legal language in the Charter was not appropriate. Mr. Dupont called Al West, who knew nothing about it. Mr. Dupont will contact Representative Singleton to resolve this matter between the 2 attorneys.

Retirement of Deputy Garon

Treasurer Hamel suggested that a letter be sent from the Board acknowledging and thanking Deputy Garon for services.

G. New Business

Turn Out Gear

Captain Delisle acknowledged his committee.

Lt. Doug Pratt

Firefighter Fred Mitchell

Firefighter Robert O'Neil

Firefighter Mark Paquin

Captain Delisle acknowledged that in over 20 years of working for NCFD this is the first time that department personnel have been given the opportunity to build a set of personal protective equipment from the ground up. In years past it was been done for them. He thanked the Chief for the opportunity.

Several vendors demonstrated their gear. The committee was informed of what they had and what they could offer. The committee wrote up the specs. Bids were sent out and received. They varied in price range.

Fire Tech & Safety

14 sets \$15, 633.80 22/32 requirements were met (Research showed that some large mid-west fire departments were having problems with this gear)

Ed Lyons Fire Equipment

\$16,443.00 22/32 requirements were met

(This company deals with Quaker which is the equipment which we are now using)

Janesville (represented by CNS Specialty Incorporated)

\$15,036.00 21/32 requirements were met

American Fire (Quest Equipment)

\$17,024.00 24/32 requirements were met

Firematic (Clove Fire Equipment)

\$19,082.00 GX7 30/32 requirements were met

(Does not have the mobility that the G-Extreme has)

\$19,838.00 G-Extreme 30/32 requirements were met

Captain Delise reported that the difference between most the expensive and the least expensive is approximately \$4,800.00. Each company was requested to send a set for our men to wear/try out. Lt. Emerson wore a set from CNS for 3 weeks. Mark and Lt. Pratt wore the G-Extreme and raved about its performance and technology. The committee met and they feel that their personal protective gear is their first line of defense; it is the only thing that is going to save them along with their training and knowledge. The way that the G-Extreme moves and its light weight, along with everything else they need to carry, only makes their job easier. The protective gear consists of a coat, pair of pants and suspenders. Captain Delise described several of the preferred specifications and or requirements.

Each set is custom-made to fit each firefighter. The normal life of turn out gear is 7-8 years. The committee is recommending the

G-Extreme. Mr. Dupont requested formal quotes as a matter of record. Captain Delisle stated that they will be submitted to the Chief.

A motion was made by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Klara, that based on the committee's recommendation, we move forward with the G-Extreme. All in favor. So voted.

Annual Department Activity Report

Chief Gendreau distributed his Annual Report. He requested any additions or deletions be made before they are prepared for the annual meeting.

Property and Casualty Insurance

Summary of coverage was distributed by the Chief. The increase over last year is approximately \$1,200.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Klara, seconded by Mr. Cambell to accept the VFIS/SNE proposal for renewal. All in favor. So voted.

Concrete Pad

Chief Gendreau requested approval for the additional \$1,100.00 for the cost of the new storage shed's concrete pad to be taken from the Building and Grounds account.

A motion was made by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Campbell that

based on the low bid received by the Chief the bid be accepted and go forward at a time determined by the Chief. All in favor. So voted.

H. Public Comment

Captain Delise expressed his disappointed that no one from the Board was present last Friday for Deputy Garon's last day of work before retiring after 25 years. Mr. Lindquist apologized for not communicating this information to the Board when he was unable to reach Chairman LeBlanc, who was on vacation.

Gary Grenier expressed his delight that the Board decided to buy 14 sets of the most cutting edge technology in personal protective gear. He pointed out that the call firefighters were not included.

I. Executive Session

Motion is made by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Gannon to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Rhode Island Law 42-46-5, sub-section 2.

Motion is made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Dupont to exit Executive Session. All in favor. So voted.

Adjournment

Motion is made by Mr. Dupont to adjourn the meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Klara. All in favor. So voted.

Minutes submitted by: Fay Dakake, Clerk _____

Approved by: Paul Lindquist _____

Acting Chairman