

North Cumberland Fire District

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2010

Present:

Edward LeBlanc, Chairman

John Aharonian

Matthew Gannon

Paul Lindquist

John Patrick McCoy

Michael Spaziani

Absent:

Robert Audette

Brian Campbell

Others Present:

David DelVecchio, Chief

Fay Dakake, Clerk

Martin Klara, Tax Collector

Robert J. Murray, Treasurer

Opening:

The regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 by Chairman LeBlanc.

A. Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, to accept the Clerk's Report for February 17, 2010. All in favor. So voted.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Murray submitted his report which included:

• February Income Statement

Revenue Side

o Revenue of \$80,000 most of which is from taxes collected and the release of the Rhode Island excise tax

Expense Side

- o Expenses total \$178,000. vs. \$145,000. budgeted
- o 6130 Build Supplies, Repairs & Impr- \$2118. New phone system put through as discussed at last meeting
- o 6150 Miscellaneous - \$1809.50 Settlement for Kevin Clarke subsequent to the previous board meeting.
- o 6200 Payroll - \$89,725 - Over budget by \$14,725. primarily because of the severance agreement with Kevin Clarke.
- o 6210 Social Security & Medicare also impacted by the severance agreement.
- o 6220 Pension - \$28,600, vs. budget 12,500. Two months of payments were put through in February; historically we have always been one month behind.
- o Due to the severance issue NCFD fell \$32,000. behind as related to the budget.

• February Year to Date

Compares the February actuals to the overall budget. Items marked in red if over budget, yellow if cautionary.

On a net basis, total expenses for the year \$1,289,000. vs. a budget of \$1,857,000. appropriately leaving 31% left to spend.

• Balance Sheet

- o As expected, cash is beginning to decrease slightly.

Treasurer Murray reported over the last four or five months, Paychex, the payroll provider, has miscalculated the amount of pension contributions coming out of the firefighter's pay. A reconciliation will be conducted and adjustments will be made.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, to accept the Treasurer's Report for February, 2010. All in favor. So voted.

C. Tax Collector's Report

Tax Collector Klara submitted his report dated March, 2010. A second mailing was done last month. Telephone inquires continue but at a slower pace.

Motion was made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Spaziani, to accept the Tax Collector's Report dated March, 2010. All in favor. So voted.

D. Chief's Report/Monthly Expenditures

Chief DelVecchio presented his monthly report and expenses for February, 2010. Topics of discussion included:

- Fire watch detail provided at Emerald Bay 2/20- 2/24 at a cost of \$3059. to Emerald Bay**
- Yarmouth FD personnel at station to look at Engine 5.**

(John Aharonian arrived)

- An approved grant from DEM will provide half the payment for two new chain saws.

Mr. McCoy suggested an “as of” date or meeting date be included on the first page of the Chief’s Report. Treasurer Murray will reconcile his report with the Chief’s Report.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Spaziani, to accept the Chief’s report with expenses for February, 2010. All in favor. So voted.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes

No comment

Apparatus/Buildings/Grounds

No Comment

Personnel/Labor Management/ Negotiations

To be discussed in Executive Session

F. Old Business

Appreciation Dinner

Mr. Lindquist presented Mickey G’s Clamshack Clam Bake at \$21.00 per person, \$32.00 with lobster or a Steak Fry at \$20.00 per person.

Menus will be left at the station. A tentative date was set for April 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the Cumberland Public Safety Union Hall. The Chairman is willing to consider the clam bake or the steak option and if the firefighters want the lobster option, he is willing to fund it up to \$21.00 per person.

Swearing In Date

Firefighter David Ferreira has agreed to be sworn in at the Annual Meeting in June.

New Station Location

Chief DelVecchio would like to see some effort in moving forward to purchase property on Nate Whipple Highway. He has had some discussion with the property owner and their real estate agent where a part of the purchase price would be in the form of a donation. To start the process an offer needs to be made by NCFD.

The general sense of the Board is that in theory it is a solid investment for the District. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting in June.

G. New Business

Chris Smith Seminar

Chris Smith, the training officer for the department, has arranged for Michel Terpak, the Deputy Chief of the Jersey City Fire Department to conduct an eight hour seminar on Friday, May 17, 2010 at the Public

Safety Union Hall.

Chris Smith would like for career and volunteer members of NCFD to be given the opportunity to attend this seminar. Although he doesn't envision that every member would attend, if they did, the cost to the District would be \$4400.

Chairman LeBlanc asked firefighter Smith to submit to the Board a syllabus or sometime of program outline for the Board to review. Firefighter Smith will present requested material at the next meeting.

Beacon Contract

Chief DelVecchio does not recommend renewing the Beacon contract. Many key people have left Beacon and their customer service has suffered. Chief DelVecchio is researching other options at this time.

Garon Letter

To be shared with the Board and discussed in Executive Session.

Union Grievance

To be discussed in Executive Session.

H. Public Comment

No comment.

Due to the limited availability of several board members for the scheduled April 21, 2010 meeting, the regular April meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

Executive Session per R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 42-46-5

Motion was made by Mr. Spaziani, seconded by Mr. McCoy and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L.42-46-4 and 42-46-5 at 8:03 p.m.

Return to Public Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Spaziani and unanimously carried to keep the Executive Session minutes closed.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy seconded by Mr. Gannon and unanimously carried to adjourn the public meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Fay Dakake, Clerk

Approved by: Edward LeBlanc, Chairman
