

North Cumberland Fire District Board of Trustees

Minutes of May 15, 2013 Meeting

**Present: Phillip Koutsogiane, Chairman Others: Robert Murray,
Treasurer**

Michael Spaziani, Vice Chair Chief Brian Jackvony

John Patrick McCoy Martin Klara, Tax Collector

Matthew Gannon Ghislaine Therien, Clerk Paul Lindquist

Brian Campbell

Harry MacDonald

OPENING

Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) at 7:08pm.

CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Lindquist and seconded by Mr. McCoy to accept the April 2013 Minutes as presented. Motion carried by all present.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – April 2013

**• 2012-2013 Taxes collected in April \$34,574.23/YTD April 2013
\$1,857,342.06**

• 2012-2011 Taxes Due \$81,858.48

• Prior years taxes due \$34,392.21

- Fees paid \$0

Proceeding on schedule with tax sale for those accounts that made payment arrangements but did not follow through and broke their agreements.

Motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Gannon to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.

TREASURER'S REPORT - April 2013

Mr. Murray submitted his report and highlighted the following:

NCFD Payroll and Overtime

- April standard payroll was \$56,687.22; Overtime was \$10,927.76.

YTD payroll is \$764,351.72

- Total expenses through April \$1,425,723.59
- Percentage of total expenses 11.41%

Month of April 2013 P/L

Income/Revenue:

- \$34,892.23 collected in April 2013
- Interest income \$1,001.49 April 2013
- Various Fees \$150.00 April 2013
- Collected 102% if current year budget

April 2013 Expenses:

- Total expenses for month \$200,060.86
- BC/BS \$17,946.14/Pension \$9,099.90

- Revenue in excess of expenses (\$164,017.14)

April 2013 Certain Account Balances

- Total Savings/Cash \$1,062,820.51
- Total Other Current Assets \$298,743.13
- RI State Pension \$4,534.97
- Lease Obligation \$254,238.69
- Total Current Liabilities \$50,079.97
- Total Equity \$2,137,069.28
- Total Liabilities & Equity \$2,777,276.64
- Hydrant fee has been paid.
- Have 21% of expenses yet to spend

Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Lindquist to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.

CHIEF'S REPORT/MONTHLY EXPENDITURES-APRIL 2013

Chief presented his monthly report for April 2013 and highlighted the following:

Emergency Calls:

- The North Cumberland Fire Department responded to 91 incidents in the month of April.
- Personnel responded to one truck fire/one brush fire/two motor vehicle accidents/one oven fire/mutual aid for structure fire in Woonsocket.

Personnel/Equipment:

- Annual fit test underway for SCBA compliance/PPV training/spring cleanup of exterior building/participated in Little League parade and provided tour of apparatus.

Buildings/Grounds:

• Repairs needed to exterior deck and Captain Delisle will be submitting plans/base radio sent out for repairs at Cyber Comm/grant reimbursement should be received soon.

Equipment:

• Engine 5 returned from New England Detroit Diesel and no charge for repairs as they were covered by warranty/repairs to foam system for Brush 51/ repairs to high pressure oil system for Brush 51 – truck needed to be towed.

• VFIS has agreed to pay for repairs to Truck 5 associated with the accident.

Motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Gannon to accept the Chief's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes:

- Mr. McCoy finalizing budget for 2013-2014.
- Received Dan Rubiano's report – only found minor discrepancies.
- Chief will prepare an excel spreadsheet for payroll purposes.

Apparatus/Buildings/Grounds

- **Issues with Brush 51. Truck is 10 years old – engine stopped working and needed to be towed. Will cost \$3,725.00 to repair**
- **Truck 5 to C&S for repairs. Problems with turbo charger and waterway leaking. Truck is 21 years old.**

Personnel/Labor Relations

- **Nothing to report.**

Negotiations

- **Nothing to report.**

Consolidation

- **Discussion under New Business**

OLD BUSINESS

Consolidation/Sharing of Services

- **Nothing to report.**

NEW BUSINESS

Review/Preparation for Annual Meeting

- **Need an up-to-date voters list and sign-in sheets at check in table.**
- **Date of annual meeting will be June 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Chair will place ad in Valley Breeze and Clerk will post on website.**
- **Three Trustee vacancies need to be advertised and filled.**

2013/2014 Budget

- **Confirm revenue side to set tax rate.**
- **Finalize budget for approval.**

Review of Cumberland Town Council Resolution/Cumberland Fire District Resolution

- **May 1, 2013 Cumberland Town Council passed a proposed Resolution.**
- **Sent Resolution to General Assembly to enact legislation to incorporate a unified fire district.**
- **Beginning no later than November 2014 with the general election seven members will be elected (five elected members plus two from the town at large).**
- **Resolution passed and sent on to General Assembly. Likely will abolish existing charters and dissolve the four Boards and create one.**
- **Consolidation will probably not lower the taxes for NCFD nor CHFD but could raise their tax rates.**
- **The Consolidated Fire District Committee has proposed a different Resolution to pass on to the General assembly which calls for two (2) members of each district to be designated to serve on a Consolidated Fire District Board of Trustees until the election of November 2014.**
- **Cumberland FD and Cumberland Hill FD have voted to endorse that revised Resolution.**

Resolution to Consolidate

- **Several members have had issues with wording of the Fire District Resolution. Not disagreeing with the thought process of merger but Resolution needs more thought.**

- **Cannot support as presented – legality issues.**
- **Needs clarification.**

Motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Spaziani not to support the Resolution as presented. Motion carried by all present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Nothing to report.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **None**

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Lindquist to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all present. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ghislaine D. Therien

Ghislaine D. Therien, Clerk