

**North Cumberland Fire District Board of Trustees**

**50 Arnold Mills Road Cumberland, RI**

**Minutes of June 9, 2014 Meeting**

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

**Michael Spaziani, Vice Chair**

**Martin Klara, Tax**

**Collector Harry MacDonald Ghislaine Therien, Clerk Charles Wilk**

**Paul Lindquist**

**John Mc Coy**

**Brian Campbell**

**Chief Brian Jackvony**

**OPENING**

**Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the North  
Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) at 7:04 pm.**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**Motion made by Mr. Spaziani and seconded by Mr. Wilk to accept the  
May 2014 Minutes as presented. Motion carried by all present.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Chairman received correspondence from the Cumberland Historic  
Commission dated May 21, 2014 regarding repairs to the school  
house. Chairman will contact Bruce Shepard regarding repairs and  
get quotes to rehabilitate the building.**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – May 2014**

**Mr. Murray submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.**

### **NCFD Payroll and Overtime**

**&#61607; May standard payroll was \$58,659.43. Overtime was \$11,454.13**

**&#61607; Total payroll \$878,158.90 through May 2014**

- Total Expenses \$1,601,125.00.00 through May 2014**
- Percentage of overtime to total expenses 13.65%**

### **Income/Revenue:**

- \$1,780,301.67 taxes collected though May 2014.**
- Interest income \$6,840.10 through May 2014.**
- Various Fees \$13,570.46 through May 2014.**

### **May 2014 Expenses:**

- Total expenses for month \$121,423.32**
- BC/BS \$19,74.42/Pension \$10,944.16**
- Revenue in excess of expenses (\$92,799.38)**
- Principal payments on PUC (\$4,072.72)**

### **May 2014 Certain Account Balances**

- Total Savings/Cash \$955,363.68**
- Total Other Current Assets \$30,813.45**
- Fixed Assets \$1,415,71300**

- **Total Current Liabilities \$9,59869**
- **Total Liabilities \$557,828.44**
- **Total Equity \$2,119,061.69**
- **Total Liabilities & Equity \$2,676,890.13**

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

#### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – May 2014**

**Mr. Klara submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.**

- **\$21,790.17 taxes collected in May 2013-2014/YTD \$1,759,745.75**
- **Prior years taxes due \$105,914.73**
- **Fees paid \$0**
- **Returned checks \$352.00**
- **Proceeding with 2013/2014 tax sale with notices being mailed.**
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**Motion made by Mr. Wilk and seconded by Mr. Campbell to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.**

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT/MONTHLY EXPENDITURES-MAY 2014**

**Chief Jackvony submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.**

#### **EMERGENCY CALLS**

**The North Cumberland Fire Department responded to 92 incidents in the month of**

**May 2014. This represents 12 fewer responses than the same period in 2013.**

**PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO:**

- **2 mutual aid; 1 gas leak; 1 structure fire; 2 elevator emergencies; 2 smoke; and 3 motor vehicle accidents**

**PERSONNEL:**

- **Participated n Special Olympic Torch Run**
- **Annual SCBA Fit Testing**
- **Deputy Mitchell attended Incident Command Seminar**

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

- **Lt. Pacquin planning kitchen replacement and obtaining quotes**

**EQUIPMENT / APPARATUS**

- **Truck 5 pump test and aerial serviced**
- **Additional quotes being sought for body work on Car 5**
- **Engine5 at Minuteman regarding paint issues, door locks and tank level lights**
- **Nothing unusual with bills**

**Motion made by Mr. Spaziani and seconded by Mr. Lindquist to accept the Chief's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Financial Management, Budget, Taxes**

- **Discuss under Old Business**

## **Apparatus/Buildings/Ground**

**Nothing to report**

## **Personnel/Labor Relations**

**Nothing to report.**

## **Negotiation**

**New one year contract in place with no wage increase.**

## **Consolidation**

**Discuss under Old Business**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Consolidation Update with Requirements**

- **Committee continues to meet**

## **Third Party Administration**

- **Executed on behalf of the North Cumberland Fire District**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Update for Annual Meeting**

- **Chairman working on the agenda**
- **New sign in sheets for residents**
- **Start annual meeting at 7:00pm**
- **Need 50 registered voters for a quorum**
- **Chief and Chairman will give a short history of the district and Fire**

## **Department**

- Treasurer will present 214-2015 budget to the residents
- Chief will give overview of 2013-2014 budget
- Valley Falls and Cumberland Fire District have no debt
- Not a bad idea to pay \$100,000 on truck debt
- Mr. Wilk feels the tax rate will go up substantially after the consolidation
- Mr. McCoy stated the district has the lowest rate in Town
- Chairman feels should consider paying off the truck should be considered

Mr. McCoy will present 3 options to the residents for approval:

Option A Option B Option C Option D

\$1.64 per \$1,000 \$1.20 per \$1,000 \$1.25 per \$1,000 \$1.34 per \$1,000

Do nothing with surplus No cushions Excess cash

\$390,000 and no pay down on truck

\$440,000 excess cash

\$75,000 cushion Excess cash

\$290,.600 surplus

\$95,000 cushion and pay out on truck \$100,000

Motion made by Mr. Wilk to accept the proposed 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$1,838,143 presenting Options A, B, C and D to the residents at the Annual Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Campbell. Motion carried by all present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Arthur Lambi**

**Mr. Lambi commended the Board on managing expenses and preserving cash. He concurs with \$445,000 in excess cash and feels the need to take care of this district's taxpayers. There is no need to prepay the truck or Clark settlement. It is only fair to give back to the residents. Chairman appreciated his comments.**

**Motion made by Mr. McCoy to move into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Lindquist. Motion carried by all present.**

**Motion made by Mr. Wilk to reopen regular meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Lindquist. Motion carried by all present.**

**Motion made by Mr. McCoy to seal the May 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Lindquist. Motion carried by all present.**

**No Motion/vote taken at Executive Session.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Mr. Wilk and seconded by Mr. Spaziani to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all present. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM  
Respectfully submitted,**

**Ghislaine D. Therien**

**Recording Clerk**