

**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING
OF THE
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

February 17, 2005

The Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by Moderator, Peter J. Przekop, at 4:35 p.m. on February 17, 2005.

Members present were: Peter Przekop, Mary Delisio, Louis Misto, Neil Collins, and Joan Przekop. The Solicitor, John P. Toscano Jr. was also present.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2005. It was,

**VOTED: To accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2005.
(P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Misto, Collins -Yes)**

The Treasurer, Bill Sisco, distributed copies of the Budget Status Sheet through February 17, 2005 (attachment 1).

The Tax Collector, Mary Delisio, distributed copies of the Arrears List and reported that there was approximately \$21,500.00 in uncollected taxes (attachment 2). Arrears bills will be sent out.

Chief Louis Misto reported that a walkthrough of the US Tobacco house on Browning Road in Watch Hill occurred. EMA Grant Money will be used to purchase new radios and pagers (on order).

The Chief requested that funds saved on radios and PASS devices be used to purchase exercise equipment for the station. The Moderator stated that if exercise equipment is desired it should be put in the budget.

The Chief discussed upcoming changes to the Station kitchen area. The Moderator requested that any building/structure changes being planned for the kitchen be brought to the Board first.

The battery charger had to be replaced in Truck 203. The new fire truck is coming along, expect drawings soon.

The Solicitor, John Toscano, reported that he wrote to the Salvation Army to either pay the Westerly Town taxes or give the District the deed to the property at the end of Atlantic Avenue (Plat 175, Lot 27). No response has been received. The back taxes of \$663.15 will be paid by the District.

A letter will be sent to the principals (Caulfield) for back taxes owed on property on Newall Terrace. Taxes are owed back to the year 2000.

The Moderator, Peter Przekop, reported that the web site is up to date. He will be working on the annual newsletter, which will include information on the Fire Truck, Refuse Contract and beach issues (septic, parking and access). He is currently engaging a septic engineer from Frisella Engineering to provide recommendations for the Benson Avenue septic system.

The Solicitor reported that three bid packages have been picked up for the refuse collection (EZ Waste, Shoreline and Crandall). Bids need to be postmarked by March 10, 2005.

The Chief reported that the Truck 203 will be advertised for a 10% commission in various publications and a web site. Pictures will be submitted.

The Moderator provided some ideas for beach parking passes and beach access control. Discussion was held on these topics. The Moderator provided information gathered during the beach season last year. On a typical day, cars, parked in the beach parking lots, belonging to renters or motel/hotel patrons outnumber resident cars by about 3 to 1. Most Officers felt that parking passes for hotels, motels and cottage renters should cost more. Beach access is also a concern, walk-ons from surrounding parking lots (day trippers) has not been controlled. The Moderator suggested that a beach pass system coupled with personnel to police the beaches could provide some relief. These subjects will be discussed at the March 17, 2005 District Officers Meeting.

The Moderator suggested that Officers start thinking about the first Misquamicut Service Award to be presented at the June Annual Meeting.

The next District Officers Meeting will be on March 17, 2005. A

motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Przekop

District Clerk

Attachments:

- 1. Budget Status Sheets through February 17, 2005.**
- 2. Tax Collector's Arrears List**
- 3. Fire Chief's Report**