

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

April 21, 2005

The Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by Moderator, Peter J. Przekop, at 4:30 p.m. on April 21, 2005.

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2005. It was,

VOTED: To accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2005. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Collins -Yes)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2005. It was,

VOTED: To accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2005. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Collins -Yes)

Copies of the Budget Status Sheets through April 19, 2005 (attachment 1), prepared by Treasurer Bill Sisco, were distributed for review.

The Tax Collector, Mary Delisio, distributed copies of the Tax Collector Report and reported that there was approximately \$12,000.00 in uncollected taxes (attachment 2). Information on two

properties that have taxes greater than 3 years in the arrears will be turned over to the Solicitor for follow-up. The Board will determine if a tax sale is in order at the May 19, 2005 District officers Meeting.

The Moderator discussed his report (attachment 3). He reported that the letter requesting a Westerly Town Council “neighborhood” meeting was sent. A response was received from Sharon Ahern from the Town Manager’s office. The meeting has been scheduled for June 18, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Beach employment interviews will start next week. Mary Delisio will help with the interviews.

The Benson Avenue Septic system test pit has been dug and application made to the RI DEM. A bid notice for the repair has been prepared and will be in the Westerly Sun on Sunday April 24, 2005. A District Officers Meeting will be posted for May 5, 2005 for the purpose of bid opening.

Mike Burbelo has organized a beach clean-up day for Earth Day activities on Saturday April 21, 2005 and will focus on Clark Avenue Snow Fencing. A grant from the State of RI will offset some of the costs associated with the fencing.

The Moderator will be pursuing financing for the new fire truck.

Edward Morenzoni, Finance Committee Chairperson was in attendance to present the proposed 2005-2006 Misquamicut Fire District Budget. He reported that the he and Finance Committee members (Don Sullivan, Vera Robinson and Michelle Pinto) met with the Moderator on April 16, 2005 to review the budget prepared by the

Moderator. As a result of that meeting the Finance Committee arrived at and approved the 2005-2006 proposed District budget (attachment 4). The budget assumed that the new fire truck would be financed for a period of ten years. The Taxpayers will decide on the actual time period at the Annual District Meeting. In response to a question regarding other Fire Department funding sources he stated that the District Board should be aware of other funds that the Fire Department receives. He stated, that as Treasurer of the Fire Department, he prepares a monthly report that could be provided to the District Officers showing receipts and expenditures. Some of the Officers stated that this information was at one time provided each month. The Moderator will follow up with the Fire Chief.

After much discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the Finance Committee's proposed 2005-2006 District Budget. It was,

VOTED: To accept the Finance Committee's proposed 2005-2006 District Budget. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Collins -Yes)

The Moderator reported that the Refuse Committee met with Chris Beck from EZ Waste Systems, Inc. to ascertain if EZ Waste Systems, Inc. was capable of meeting the requirements of the Misquamicut Fire District refuse contract. The Committee felt confident that EZ waste Systems, Inc. could meet contract requirements. Minutes were submitted to the Clerk (attachment 5).

After discussion which included other term options, a motion was made and seconded to award the Misquamicut Fire District refuse

contract to EZ Waste Systems, Inc. for a time period of 5 years (starting July 1, 2005) at a cost of \$81,400.00 per year pending approval from the District voters at the Annual District Meeting. It was,

VOTED: To award the Misquamicut Fire District refuse contract to EZ Waste Systems, Inc. for a time period of 5 years (starting July 1, 2005) at a cost of \$81,400.00 per year pending approval from the District voters at the Annual District Meeting. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Collins -Yes)

Note: By making this award line item #6102 will need to be increased by \$200.00 in the Finance Committee 2005-2006 Proposed Budget to reflect the actual amount of \$81,400.00. The 2005-2006 taxes reflected in the Finance Committee 2005-2006 Proposed Budget revenues will also be increased by \$200.00.

The Clerk will prepare letters to the bidders providing them notification of the District board decision. The Solicitor will prepare a contract for District and EZ Waste Systems, Inc. approval.

The Moderator requested that changes to MFDO-4, Revision 2, Parking Pass Issuance and Control be approved and presented to the Taxpayers at the Annual Meeting for their approval. The changes introduce the concept of limited and unlimited seasonal beach parking passes at a cost of \$125.00 and \$250.00 respectively. These changes will need Taxpayer approval in accordance with the District by-laws. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed changes to MFDO-4, Revision 2, Parking Pass Issuance and Control and recommend them for approval at the

Annual District Meeting. It was,

VOTED: To accept the proposed changes to MFDO-4, Revision 2, Parking Pass Issuance and Control and recommend them for approval at the Annual District Meeting. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Collins –Yes; Vacca-No)

The Moderator requested that a new procedure MFDO-8, Revision 0, Beach Access Control be approved and presented to the Taxpayers at the Annual Meeting. The new procedure provides a method for beach access control using beach passes, and/or valid room/cottage keys. The changes will result in additional beach expenses for personnel needed to monitor the beaches, which will need Taxpayer approval. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept MFDO-4, Revision 2, Parking Pass Issuance and Control and recommend the increased beach operation expenses be approved at the Annual District Meeting. It was,

VOTED: To accept MFDO-4, Revision 2, Parking Pass Issuance and Control and recommend the increased beach operation expenses be approved at the Annual District Meeting. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Collins –Yes; Vacca-No)

The Moderator reminded Officers think about the first Misquamicut Service Award to be presented at the June Annual Meeting. This will be discussed at the next District Officers meeting.

The next District Officers Meeting will be on May 5, 2005 to open the Benson Avenue Septic System bids and discuss the Misquamicut Service Award. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the

meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Przekop

District Clerk

Attachments:

- 1. Budget Status Sheets through March 17, 2005.**
- 2. Tax Collector's Report**
- 3. Moderator Report**
- 4. Finance Committee Proposed 2005-2005 District Budget**
- 5. March 23, 2005 Refuse Committee Meeting Minutes**