

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

**July 21, 2005**

**The Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by Moderator, Peter J. Przekop, at 4:31 p.m. on July 21, 2005.**

**Members present were: Peter Przekop, Neil Collins, William Sisco, Steven Pont, Joan Przekop, Louis Misto and Michelle Vacca. The Solicitor, John P. Toscano Jr. was also present. Moderator Przekop welcomed Tax Assessor Pont to the Board.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2005. It was,**

**VOTED: To accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2005. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Sisco, Vacca, Collins, Misto- Yes, Pont-Abstain)  
Copies of the Budget Status Sheets through June 30, 2005 (attachment 1), prepared by Treasurer Bill Sisco, were distributed for review.**

**The Treasurer also provided a summary of under expended and over expended accounts from the 2005 budget (attachment 2). A motion was made and seconded to apply funds from under expended accounts;**

**Fire Department Account \$ 6064.32**

**Salaries \$ 458.34**

**Beach Account \$11272.70**

**Tax Account \$ 2703.12**

**Improvement Committee Account \$ 43.09**

**Sinking Fund Account \$ 750.00**

**Other Account \$ 1101.59**

**Total Under Expended Accounts \$22,393.16**

**to cover over expended accounts;**

**Insurance Account \$ 1063.28**

**Rubbish Account \$ 392.00**

**Capital Expenditure Account \$20937.88**

**and to cover remaining Capital Expenditure Account balance funds of \$19,700.62 from**

**the prior year surplus account (3701). It was,**

**VOTED: To apply funds from under expended accounts \$22,393.16;**

**to cover over expended accounts \$20937.88 and to cover remaining Capital Expenditure Account balance funds of \$19,700.62 from the unreserved surplus account (3701). (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Sisco, Vacca, Collins, Misto, Pont - Yes) Fire**

**The Moderator pointed out that even though with the unplanned expenses in the Capital Expenditure Account for the Benson Avenue Septic System (approximately \$37,000) and Radios for the new Fire Truck (approximately \$5,000) the Fire District still had a positive cash balance of approximately \$10,000. This was due to the efforts of the Tax Collector in collecting prior year's taxes and the budget consciousness that resulted in under expended accounts.**

**Chief Misto provided a Fire Department Report (attachment 3). He reported that the new truck is on schedule. Next week the truck will**

be available for inspection with delivery later in the week or early the following week. Old truck 203 has been placed on E-Bay. Grants have been received and will be used to replace and purchase new gas meters.

The Solicitor reported that he contacted the RI Secretary of State's Office

And Legislative Council regarding the transfer of the Lathrop property to the Westerly Fire District. A legal description to increase the size of the Westerly Fire District has not been filed yet.

Discussion followed with a motion being made and seconded for the Solicitor to send letters to the Secretary of State, local Senators and Representatives to go on record as being opposed to the Westerly Fire District taking property within the Misquamicut Fire District without proper notification and appropriate District Charter changes.

It was,

**VOTED:** For the Solicitor to send letters to the Secretary of State, local Senators and Representatives to go on record as being opposed to the Westerly Fire District taking property within the Misquamicut Fire District without proper notification and appropriate District Charter changes. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Sisco, Vacca, Collins, Misto, Pont - Yes)

The Solicitor reported that taxes were paid on the Caulfield property and preparations for the tax sale will cease.

**The Moderator reported: (attachment 4)**

**-A meeting will be held with the Watch Hill Moderator and Fire Chief regarding the Misquamicut Fire Department support of the Watch Hill Fire District. The Moderator stated that there were 160 responses by the Misquamicut Fire Department (78-Misquamicut, 78-Watch Hill, 3-Dunns Corners, and 1-Westerly). The prior five-year average was 60 calls.**

**-EZ Waste has gotten off to a good start in collecting trash in the Fire District. The transition went well with minimal problems.**

**-Increased vandalism at beaches.**

**-There has been \$35,500 collected from beach pass sales.**

**-Washington Trust will finance the new Fire Truck.**

**-The District will oppose any parking lot applications that do not meet Town ordinances.**

**-A blood drive has been scheduled for August 18, 2005. The District and St. Clare's Church are sponsoring this effort.**

**The Moderator provided copies of minutes from the July 9, 2005 Improvement Committee Meeting (attachment 5).**

**Tax Assessor Steven Pont reported that he had certified the tax roll (attachment 6). The total assessed property values before exemptions is approximately \$542,000,000, after exemptions approximately \$520,000,000. Based on a 95% collection rate a tax rate of \$0.77 per \$1000 assessed value is recommended.**

**A motion was made and seconded to set the 2005-2006 tax rate at \$0.77 per \$1000 assessed value. It was,**

**VOTED: To set the 2005-2006 tax rate at \$0.77 per \$1000 assessed value. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Sisco, Vacca, Collins, Misto, Pont - Yes)**

**The Firefighter Incentive Award Committee will be meeting to review attendance records to determine the 2004-2005 award recipients.**

**Moderator Przekop passed out for discussion at a future District Officers Meeting a Board Expectations document (attachment 7) that would provide guidance on attendance, notifications, reports and bill payment for District Officers.**

**The next meeting will be August 18, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joan C. Przekop  
District Clerk**

**Attachments:**

- 1. Budget Status Sheets for 2004-2005.**
- 2. 2004-2005 Under/Over Expended Accounts**
- 3. Fire Chief Report**

- 4. Moderator Report**
- 5. July 9, 2005 Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 6. Tax Rate Schedule**
- 7. Board Expectations document.**