

Misquamicut Fire Department

July 7th, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Captain Jon Turnberg. The meeting minutes from the June 2015 meeting were read. A motion was made to amend the meeting minutes to rephrase “former” deputy Bill Davis to “Retiring” Deputy Chief. Also, to include the name of the deceased Coventry fire fighter Captain James Harrington. A motion was made, seconded and voted in favor of accepting the amended minutes. The treasurer reported a total of \$1623.44 in expenses and \$1119.86 in income and reimbursements for the month of June. Our total cash on hand was \$13,434.55. The district still owes the department a reimbursement of \$635.36. A motion was made, seconded and voted in favor of accepting the treasurer’s report as read.

Chief Findeisen:

Thanks was given to everyone that helped out during the busy 4th of July weekend. Heard the traffic was heavy during the holiday weekend and reiterated that it’s crucial we all keep that in mind when responding to calls. The new incentive program has been in effect since July 1st. During a serious structure fire members are permitted to respond to the scene in their personal vehicles when all apparatus is already on scene. For all minor calls members must remain at the station until the call is cleared or they are given permission by an officer to leave, in order to receive the call points. New protégé gas

meter with the automatic calibration station was ordered. Also a new length of hard suction hose was ordered. Mike Misto was announced as Deputy Chief Bill Davis's replacement. Pending a by-law change the 3rd assistant chief will now be called the Fire Safety Officer. Congratulations was given to Mike on his appointment.

Deputy Chief Howard:

Thanks to everyone that helped out during the 4th of July weekend. Retired Deputy Chief Bill Davis received his dinner gift certificates.

Fire Safety Officer Misto:

Hydration during the summer months is crucial. Take it slow during a serious fire, you will exhaust yourself quickly. Traffic is a serious concern, take it slow. Chief will be speaking to WPD about removing some of those "stop for pedestrian" signs that impede us from using Atlantic Ave. during a traffic jam.

Training officer:

(This position will temporarily be fulfilled by the officers until further notice) Chief advised the department that anyone wishing to pilot the boat must first take the state accredited boat safety course. Also that any responses to the pond should be handled by the Jet Ski. The 7/21 training topic will be announced when decided upon. The southern league training will be held at DCFD on 7/29/15.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: No Report

Steak Fry committee: The committee was activated and the members will consist of Lt. Lino Pettini, Jeff Muir, Jeff Avanzino, Mike Sullivan, Ray Elterich & Dennis Sharkey. The date will be Friday September 11th. A motion was made seconded and passed to raise the ticket price to \$20. Tickets will be available earlier this year.

Communications:

DCFD sent a notice on the annual Smokey the bear parade being held on Thursday July 16th. A signup sheet is in the truck bay.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing said

New Business:

The captain opened new business by announcing the opening of the second lieutenants position (209). 2 members were nominated from the floor. FF Jeff Muir and FF Ray Elterich. With both members accepting the nomination an election was held by paper Ballot. 17 Ballets were accepted and 2 were rejected. FF Ray Elterich was elected to the position of 209 until the annual election held in October. The membership was again asked if anyone would take the position of secretary. No interest was expressed, the captain

continues to serve as acting secretary.

Remarks for the Good of the Department:

Engineer Phil Panciera remarked that the blue air compressor needs to be unplugged and drained after use. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the captain the secretary's stipend for the last 2 quarters of the 2014-2015 calendar year. A motion was made seconded and passed for \$300 to be allocated to provide ice cream to the children in attendance for the Smokey the Bear parade. Please see the captain if you are in need of a firefighter badge. The chief announced that he will take on the task of getting all members ID cards. Thanks was given to firefighter Mike Sullivan for cooking during tonight's meeting. FF Chris Koretski announced that Retiring Chief Fred Stanley's retirement party will be held on July 18th. Phil Panciera volunteered to represent MFD at the party. A motion was made, seconded and voted in favor of allocating \$50 to pay for his ticket. Ray Elterich announced he would still be a delegate to the Southern League meetings. Anyone that wishes to attend with him is more than welcome.

After a moment of silence the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted

Captain Jon Turnberg

(Acting Secretary)