

Harrisville Fire District

115 Central Street

Harrisville, RI 02830

ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY JUNE 13, 2016

Annual Meeting called to order at 8:01 PM by Moderator Ronald Slocum.

The moderator gave notice that there is a quorum, 17 voters in attendance.

Warrant was read by the Clerk.

Minutes of the 2015 annual meeting were read by the clerk. Motion made by David Place that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Clinton Remington. So voted 17-0.

Minutes of special meeting dated October 13, 2015 were read by clerk. Motion made by Clinton Remington that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by David Place. So voted 17-0.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Mark A. St. Pierre reported that the fire department responded to 904 alarms in 2015. Total fire related calls: 243. Total EMS related calls: 661. Total false alarms: 67. Total alarms in the Glendale portion of the district: 30.

Total fire loss for 2015 was \$8,050.00, including \$7,000.00 for vehicle loss, \$1000.00 for structural loss, and Fifty dollars (\$50.00) due to cooking loss.

In 2015 the department received mutual aid a total of 87 times. It provided mutual aid a total of 195 times.

Total membership of the department stands at 32 volunteer members, three junior members, and five outside per diem personnel. Of those, 29 are certified NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and/or II. Also four members are certified NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I.

The fire prevention education program is now in its 37th year. Programs were conducted in the elementary schools and pre-schools in the district, and at the fire station.

During 2015, the department received an \$11,300.00 federal Fire Act grant from FEMA, a \$1,500.00 DEM Volunteer Fire Assistance grant, and \$1,000.00 legislative grants from both Sen. Paul Fogarty and Rep. Cale Keable.

The Per Diem schedule continues. It consists of four personnel from within the department and five from outside the department.

Motion made by David Place to approve the fire chief's report. Seconded by Bruce Fournier. So voted 17-0

Auditors Report

No discussion.

Motion made by Tina Pichie and seconded by David Place to approve auditor's report. So voted 17-0.

Election of Officers

Moderator: One declared candidate, Mr. Ronald Slocum.

Motion by David Place, seconded by Clinton Remington that the clerk cast one ballot for Ronald Slocum. So voted, 17-0. Ronald Slocum re-elected as Moderator for a one-year term.

Clerk: One declared candidate, Mr. Nathan M. St. Pierre.

Motion by David Place, seconded by Dennis Flynn that the clerk cast one ballot for Nathan M. St. Pierre. So voted, 17-0. Nathan M. St. Pierre re-elected as Clerk for a one-year term.

Tax Assessor: One declared candidate, Mr. Nathan M. St. Pierre.

Motion made by David Place, seconded by John Polacek that the clerk cast one ballot for Nathan M. St. Pierre. So voted, 17-0. Nathan M. St. Pierre re-elected as Tax Collector for a three-year term.

Operating Committee: Three declared candidates, Mr. Bruce Fournier, Mr. David Place, and Mr. Dennis Flynn.

Terms currently held by Mr. Fournier and Mr. Place are expiring three-year terms. Term of Mr. Flynn was formerly held by Michelle Bouchard has one year remaining.

Motion by David Place, seconded by John Polacek to elect Mr. Fournier, Mr. Place, and Mr. Flynn in order as presented. So voted 17-0. Bruce Fournier re-elected to Operating Committee for a three-year term. David Place re-elected to the Operating Committee for a three-year term. Dennis Flynn elected to Operating Committee for a one year of term.

Approval of Fire District Budget

Mark St. Pierre asked how this budget affects the tax rate. That is unknown at this time; the town has not certified the tax rolls.

Vote of the Fire District budget was as follows. Motion made by David Place and seconded by Dennis Flynn that the Fire District budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 be no less than \$1,370,048.00 and not more than \$1,470,048.00. So voted 17-0.

Approval of Water Department Budget

Nathan St. Pierre asked if this budget would increase or decrease the water rates. This budget is a slight decrease from the previous year.

Vote of the Water Department budget was as follows. Motion made by Clinton Remington, seconded by David Place that the Water Department budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 be no less than \$733,118.00 and not more than \$833,118.00. So voted 17-0.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None.

Good of the Cause

Mark St. Pierre stated the new Rescue 2 would be delivered to the district on Friday, June 17th.

David Place recognized Amanda Gingell for being named volunteer EMT of the year by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Ronald Slocum commended the fire department for the recent mock crash high school demonstration. Norman Mainville spoke on this.

Adjournment

Motion made by David Place and seconded by James Scotland that the annual meeting be adjourned at 8:27 PM. So voted 17-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan M. St. Pierre, MPA

District Clerk