

Buttonwoods Fire District

Minutes of the Supervisors' Meeting
March 18, 2013

Location: Casino Building 23 Eighth Ave., Warwick, RI 02886

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Present: Supervisors: Joe Jolls, Kathy Baer and Jon Pratt

Treasurer: Dave Curry

Discussion:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

BFD Meeting, 11/05/12: Supervisors reviewed and approved the minutes.

2. Old Business

Hand Book Committee : Committee not yet formed. Joe will ask Rich Taylor if still interested. Kathy will ask if anyone has pdf of handbook and will email out to everyone.

Vendor List : Supervisors review list and Dave is going to revise based on vendors the BFD has used in the past 3 years to clean it up.

Key List: Jon has list and is updating. Kathy suggests that Ken Steinkamp be given a key to Casino for possible use of defib. if needed. Supervisors agree. Jon will get key made from original and drop off to Ken.

Insurance Review: Dave has met with insurance company. Company will provide new liability and fire policies in June. Dave answered question of property owned by BFD. Streets, fields etc..

Parking Policy : Supervisors reviewed and Kathy suggested a gentle reminder goes out to all. She will handle email and ask Betsy to send out. **Please review parking rules at bottom of these minutes.**

Casino Preservation Committee: Still looking for volunteers for this committee. Bathrooms and window repairs have been completed and Supervisors looking for committee to form.

Point Preservation Committee: Carl Baer filed a report with the Supervisors and they will discuss and review at April meeting.

Alarm System review: Dave met Apple Valley Alarms Co. Call box shot. They replaced it with new radio box and is being monitored by company. Dave provided Supervisors numbers if Apple Valley needs to get us. Question was asked if the Casino needs a land line any more. to be discussed at April meeting.

3. Budget Review

Dave Curry presented the latest budget figures and expenditures. Income as of March 18, 2013 totals \$92,210.00 with \$58,876.62 in checking account including reserves.

4. Ground Maintenance and Improvements

See 5. New Business

5. New Business

Street Signs and Post Repairs: Street sign on 14th Ave. to be replaced by Jon. All signs, posts and guard rails to be check and painted and repaired as needed in April when weather warms.

Pot holes and Speed bumps: Joe contacted Bill Ross about pot holes. Unfortunately it is still a little too cold for asphalt repairs but once it warms Bill will repair. Also the speed bumps will be repainted again when weather warms.

Casino lights: Dave investigated and found that due to power outage during winter storm the light's timer clock was off. He fixed and lights are on at correct times now.

Casino Flag: Kathy and Joe ordered and replace old flag with a better quality stitched flag. Nancy Dickerman stopped in to commend the Supervisors for new flag.

Winter Damage to Trees: Dave asked for permission to pay Bill Ross for all of the hard work he and his crew did all winter. Supervises gave ok. Thank You Bill. After discussion Supervisors are going to meet with an arborist to inquire about an assessment of our existing trees. Assessment to include, insect prevention, heath of trees, pruning existing trees and a plan of planting new trees.

Future BFD Meetings: Future BFD Supervisors meetings will still be held the 3rd Monday of the month; 4/15/13, 5/20/13, 7/15/13, 8/19/13, 9/16/13, and 10/21/13.

2013 Annual Meeting: June 25, 2013 at 7 pm in the Casino, 23 Eighth Avenue, Warwick.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Addendum:

The following topics are noted as gentle REMINDERS:

Neighbors have asked the Supervisors to remind residents about parking vehicles on BBA property, day or overnight, particularly streets along the water. There are NO PARKING signs posted, so we ask everyone's co-operation, as it is always nice to have a clear unobstructed view across the bay. It is understandable for residents or their guests to park either at their homes or in the three designated areas for an occasional party or function. The designated overflow areas are: 1) the triangle bordered by Buttonwoods Avenue, Eighth Avenue and Janice Road; 2) the triangle bordered by Buttonwoods Avenue, Tenth Avenue and Avenue A, and the ball field on Cooper Avenue. Parking at the triangles should be "nose-in"; parking at the ball field should be on the grass, not the surrounding streets. Be considerate of residents surrounding these overflow areas and inform them in advance when you are hosting an event that will require use of these facilities. (Source: Buttonwoods Fire District Neighborhood Rules and Regulations, as approved on June 23, 1998.)

*We all enjoy walking in our wonderful neighborhood so **please do not forget to clean up after your pets**, people **DO** notice, and it is your responsibility to clean up after Rover outside of your own yard and dispose of their waste appropriately. **Please do not place dog waste in the trash bins at the tennis courts.***

*Trash Barrels- Be a considerate neighbor, **remove your trash barrels from the road as soon as possible after trash pickup**, and if feasible locate them in a discreet area of your yard.*

Speed -The supervisors have received numerous complaints regarding vehicles driving in excess of the posted speed limits in the neighborhood, especially along Buttonwoods and Promenade Avenues. The speed limit on Buttonwoods Avenue is 25 mph, and changes to 15 mph at the second speed bump. The speed limit on all the other roads within the Buttonwoods community is 15 mph as posted, so **please drive slowly, and remind all the drivers in your household to maintain these speed limits for the safety of all. PLEASE BE A KIND & CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOR!**