

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting.

August 27, 2008

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on

Wednesday, August 27, 2008. Vice Chairman Robert Lohr called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

Members present were Jamie Hainsworth, Lynda Martone, George Leonhardt. Also present were Chief Robert Dauphinais, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson and District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields. Absent were Earl Newman, Treasurer David Steere and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the July 16th meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4–0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson received a check from Mr. McCormick's Office in the amount of \$47.53 the total amount of the check was for \$50.00 Mr. McCormick's fee was \$2.47.

Tax Sale Update: There are 16 properties on the Tax Sale List. Certified Letters went out today the 27th of August. The total tax amount outstanding on the 16 accounts is approximately \$7900.00.

Mrs. Svansson has the Tax Roll and has also received the data via email and is now in the process of assessing the taxes. The other two Tax Assessors will be starting the assessment in the coming weeks.

Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Tax Collector's Monthly Report as presented, second by Mr. Hainswoth and passed 4-0.

Treasurer Report:

In Treasurer Mr. Steere absent, Mrs. Shields presented the board with the Monthly Report for the new Fiscal Year from July 1st to August 27th. To date we have received \$22,000 from third party billing for the new fiscal year and also a check from the state for the Motor Vehicle Phaseout. In addition, Mr. Steere has dropped off everything to Mr. Geoff Malo's Office for the audit.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and pay the monthly bills, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais submitted his Monthly Chiefs Report for July 2008

and to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the July 2008 Monthly Chief's Report as presented and place on file, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.

Committee:

A. Brush Truck Committee: Status Quo. Tabled until next months meeting.

Old Business:

A. Resolution for Tax Sale:

Mrs. Shields contacted Attorney Mr. Craven and will draft a resolution to be read at next month's monthly board meeting for the Tax Sale to be held on October 13th, 2008.

B. Third Party Billing:

Mrs. Shields updated the board on her meeting with Healthcare Management, which is the company who does our third party billing. There were several invoicing and billing issues that were addressed in this meeting and in previous phone conversations. This had been an ongoing conversation with Healthcare Management over the last 4 months in addressing the outstanding accounts. Healthcare Management has addressed all accounts in questions and all

concerns have been addressed.

New Business:

A. Annual Steak Fry Scholarship:

October 4th, 2008 at Watmough Campground.

B. Chief Dauphinais mentioned that the department has 2 new Cardiac's: Thomas Murgio and Adam Brule. This will help raised the ALS Percentage because they are two very active members. Chief Dauphinais also mention that Gail Warner has resigned. Her resignation was based on that she could not work more then 3 shifts on the per diem Rescue Program. Chief Dauphinais advised the board that the insurance that covers all three departments states that that the people who work per diem can only work 3 days a week up to 24 hours and all three departments are considered as one. Chief Dauphinais advised Angie that anyone working more then 3 shifts a week could not work in the Chepachet Fire Department location as to protect the department in case a law suit should arise. Gail choose to resign due to that the other two departments will allow people to work more then 3 shifts within the two stations (Harmony and West Gloucester). Mr. Hainsworth recommended having a meeting with the other 2 Chiefs to discuss this matter further and he felt all three departments should be following the insurance policy.

C. MDA Boot Drive this weekend.

Mr. Hainsworth mentioned that there was a memorial service for Hazel Chase the wife of Chief James “Jigs” Chase and the department had members presents representing the Chepachet Fire Department. All members present observed a moment of silence in Memory of Hazel Chase.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on September 172008 at 6:30pm.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Darlene L. Shields**

**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**