

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting.

April 16, 2008

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present were Jamie Hainsworth, Lynda Martone , George Leonhardt. Absent was Robert Lohr.

Also present were Chief Robert Dauphinais, Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis, Treasurer David Steere, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson and District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the March 19, 2008 and March 29, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes 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 presented the board with the report from Mr. McCormick's office for the month of March in which is office collected \$276.11 (\$241.37 to the District on outstanding taxes and McCormick's fee of \$34.74).

Mrs. Svansson and advised the board that she sent out 122 warning letters on accounts that are 2 years past due. She has had several accounts pay and a few have been set up on payment plans.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept the Monthly Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Martone and passed 4-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere passed out copies of the March's Treasurer's Report to all members present. Mr. Steere made note that we are 83% thru the year and have used 67% of funding all the accounts are in good standings. Current balance for unrestricted funds is approximately \$409,000 and dedicated funds \$205,000.

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

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais read his report for the month of March to be placed file.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the reports as presented,

second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 4-0.

Rescue Committee Reports:

Special Meeting to follow this monthly meeting

Old Business:

A. Street Lights: Mrs. Shields submitted an update letter from Nationalgrid to be put on file. The letter states that to date that there will be a credit in the amount of \$1462.56 with 3 light locations still to be addressed. They are having difficulty locating some locations of the lights. Nationalgrid will continue to update the District until all requested have been addressed. Mrs. Shields will continue to advise the board on a monthly basis until all the requests have been met and made.

B. Gloucester Little League Request for AED Donation: Chief Dauphinais advised the board that both West Gloucester and Harmony will both contribute 1/3 of the cost of the AED.

C. Fuel Tank: Chief Dauphinais was able to get a quote from United Concrete on a Fuel Tank to be placed in the back of the Station. The tank meets both EPA and DEM specs. Chief Dauphinais is only able to supply one quote due that there are not other options available.

Sole Source.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to purchase a Convault 500 Gallon Fuel Tank not to exceed \$10,500 with one quote being accepted due to United Concrete being the sole source available in town, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to suspend the monthly meeting until the conclusion of the special meeting, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0 at 7:00pm

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to continue with the April 16, 2008 Monthly meeting, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0 at 7:21pm

New Business:

A. Proposed 2008-2009 Budget: Mr. Steere recommended revises how the Budget gets presented due to the possibility of the new law taking effect in the coming year. Mr. Steere recommended showing the Budget as expenses minus a projected income and then take that next and use that figure as our 5% cap increase. Mr. Steere stated that the income would comprise of Third Party Billing, Interest, Preplan and Motor Vehicle Phase-out. The current estimated income is \$125,589.

Chief Dauphinais and Mrs. Shields have gone through the budget and

made a few adjustments due to the increased cost of fuel. Chief Dauphinais recommends a \$2,000 increase in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and \$1,000 increase in Turn Out Gear. Mrs. Shields has contacted VFIS, Mr. Malo's Office and Mr. Craven's Office. VFIS has recommended a 5% projected increase in the insurance. Mr. Malo and Mr. Craven have confirmed there will be no increase in their fees for the 2008/2009 Budget.

Mr. Hainsworth recommended a 3% pay increase for personnel with the exception of Rescue Coverage. Rescue Coverage will increase from \$12.50 to \$13.00 for basics (4% pay increase) and \$14.50 to \$15.00 for Cardiac and Paramedics (3.5% pay increase).

B. Firefighter of the Year Award: Chief Dauphinais noted that Lt. Michael Warner received the Annual Firefighter of the Year Award last night from the Chepachet Grange.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to adjourn, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

