

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting.

March 19, 2008

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

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

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the February 21, 2008 for their review.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5–0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson presented the board with the report from Mr. McCormick's office for the month of February in which is office collected \$50.00. \$17.86 to the District and fee \$32.14 on 3 outstanding accounts.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept the Monthly Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Lohr and passed 5-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere passed out copies of the February Treasurer's Report to all members present. Mr. Steere made note that we are 75% thru the year and have used 62% of funding all the accounts are in good standings. Current balance for unrestricted funds is approximately \$440,000 and dedicated funds \$197,000.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report as submitted and pay the monthly bills, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5-0.

Chief's Report:

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

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the reports as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5-0.

Rescue Committee Reports:

Chief Dauphinais has contacted several dealers and has currently met with two companies (American Emergency Vehicle and Quality

Emergency Vehicles). Demo Rescues are running around \$150,000. There have been some issues with some of the GMAC air-ride trucks not fitting in to the station. He has several more Demos to look at and will advise the board on what options he finds.

Old Business:

A. Street Lights: Mrs. Shields has been in contact with Lori Loughlin from Nationalgrid our requests are being addressed they are about 80% done with the work orders. Mrs. Shields will advise the board on the status monthly until all the requests have been met and made.

New Business:

A. Chief Dauphinais brought it to the attention of the board that there has been difficulty in purchasing diesel fuel from Sunoco. They haven't had diesel for weeks and they need to drive to Scituate or Greenville to fuel the trucks. Chief Dauphinais presented 2 options to try and eliminate the need to drive to other towns for fuel.

a. 1. Ask the Town of Gloucester if we could purchase our diesel from them.

b. 2. Purchase our own 500 gallon tank to be put in the back of the station.

B. Mrs. Shields wanted the board to know that there is a series of checks that are duplicate numbers. Mrs. Shields contacted Mr. Malo as to having duplicate numbered checks and he advised that there is no problem to using the checks due to the first run series has been closed out and used in 2003/2004 fiscal year.

C. Mrs. Shields wanted to advise the board she had read that there may be a possibility that Medicare payments will be reduced. There is talk that the government is looking to cut how much is paid for 3rd Party Billing. Mrs. Shields will watch and advise the board if there will be any changes.

D. Mr. Steere made mention that there is a Bill in the Assembly that would require all Fire District to Cap their Budgets. Mr. Steere also made mention that if or when the Bill passes we would also have to change the process in which the budget is prepared. We will be required to also do a projection of income for the budgeted year. Bill #H7164.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Newman to adjourn, second by Mr. Lohr and passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Darlene L. Shields**

**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**