

## **Chepachet Fire District**

### **Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting.**

**January 23, 2008**

**The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.**

**Members present were Lynda Martone and George Leonhardt. Absent were Jamie Hainsworth and 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 December 19, 2007 for their review. Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3–0.**

#### **Tax Collector's Report:**

**Mrs. Svansson presented the board with the report from Mr. McCormick's office for the month of December in which is office collected \$371.96 on outstanding accounts of which \$49.31 was McCormick's fee. Mrs. Svansson requested a rebate check for an account that a double payment was made on. The projected total for 2008 Tax Bills was \$397,440.43 the actual total that has been billed is**

**\$396,028.32. Total deposit to date for the month of January is \$125,232.03. A portion of the taxes collected in January are properties for tax sale.**

**Mrs. Svansson received information on an Association that she may benefit in joining. The RI Tax Collectors Association is a yearly association that meets periodically and the annual membership is \$30.00.**

#### **Tax Sale Update:**

**To date all properties that are up for Tax Sale on February 1, 2008 have been advertised in the Providence Journal and Woonsocket Call. There are currently 7 accounts remaining unpaid to date. Rhode Island Housing has contacted her and they will be paying the outstanding balance on the 4 properties with homes on them. The three remaining accounts are lots with no houses on them.**

**Motion made by Mrs. Leonhardt to accept the Monthly Tax Collector's Report, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

**Mr. Steere passed out copies of the December's Treasurer's Report to all members present. Mr. Steere made note that we are halfway thru the year and the majority of the accounts are in good standings. The current balance in the PIP Account minus the restricted funds is approximately \$400,000. Mrs. Shields mentioned that she had been**

**noticing the drop in the interest rate on the PIP and contact Citizens and was able to have the rate changed from 1.59% to 3.13% but due to the federal government lowering the interest rates will reflect lower rates on the PIP Account. Mrs. Shields will watch and advise the Treasurer of the rates.**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report as submitted and pay the monthly bills, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.**

**Chief's Report:**

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

**Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the reports as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.**

**Old Business:**

**A. Street Lights: Mrs. Shields has sent a list of lights that are under questions and need to be addressed by Nationalgrid and is waiting for a response. Tabled until next months meeting.**

## **New Business:**

### **A. Membership to the RI Tax Collectors Association:**

**Mrs. Martone made a motion that the Tax Collector become a member of the RI Tax Collectors Association, second by Mrs. Leonahrdt and passed 3-0.**

**B. Chief Dauphinais requested and was approved to purchase a light tower for Engine 11 at the 2007 Annual Meeting the estimated cost for this light tower was \$8,000 the actual cost is approximately \$12,000 to \$14,000. Chief Dauphinais asked the board to move funds from another account to cover the difference.**

**Mr Newman made a motion to move funds from Capital Improvement to finance the difference needed to purchase the light tower with funds not to exceed \$6000.00, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.**

**C. Chief Dauphinais would like the District to look into the possibility of replacing the Rescue**

**Truck. The truck is now out of warranty and has needed many repairs in the last few months and due to maintenance history with the truck already needing replacement of 4 to 5 front ends it could become very costly to maintain the truck in the coming years. Chief Dauphinais feels it's warranted to look into purchasing a new truck while there is still some trade in value left on our 2003 Rescue Truck.**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to appoint the Chief, Deputy Chief and a Board Member to a committee to look into the purchasing of a new Rescue Truck, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.**

**Let it be noted that Mr. Newman agreed to be appointed to the Rescue Truck Committee.**

**Dispense of Executive Session at this time.**

**Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008.**

**With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to adjourn, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Darlene L. Shields**

**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**