

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting.

April 15, 2009

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

Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the February 18 2009 meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 3–0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Reports submitted from Mr. McCormick's for taxes collected as follows:

February 2009 Collected	\$75.00	McCormick's Fee	.11c	Total
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Received \$73.79

March 2009 Collected \$768.26 McCormick's Fee \$139.76

Total Received \$628.50

Note: March's collections were mostly received directly to the department and a check of \$139.76 needs to be remitted to Mr. McCormick's Office.

Mrs. Svansson made note that Mr. McCormick's office mailed out requests for payment letters on delinquent tangible property accounts that had taxes due from information she provided them a 1 ½ ago. This information was outdated and she was not contacted previous to the mailing for any updated account information. As it stands some accounts have been paid up to date and they may be receiving incorrect information from Mr. McCormick's office. Mrs. Svansson will be in contact with Mr. McCormick's office to review the outstanding accounts that received letters. Taxes can be collected 10 years back.

Tax Sale update: Out of the original 180 warning letters that were mailed out there are currently 32 accounts remaining unpaid. The exam fee of \$130.00 and \$10.00 90 day notice fee have been added to the outstanding balance of the 32 accounts.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept the Tax Collector Report as presented, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere presented the Monthly Treasurer's Reports for March 2009 and April 2009.

The Unrestricted funds are approximately \$245,000.

Mr. Steere made note that the Money Market that the board approved at last months meeting has been set up with an opening balance of \$250,000. This account will have to be monitored due to FDIC insuring accounts up to \$250,000 only until December 2009.

Mr. Steere asked Mrs. Shields to contact Senator Paul Fogarty's Office an inquire as to the likelihood of the continuation of receiving the Motor Vehicle Phase-Out Funds. Mrs. Shields was advised by Mr. Fogarty's office to contact Mr. John Baxter from the Senate Committee regarding the Motor Vehicle Phase-out Plan. Mrs. Shields then read a Memo to be placed on file. It states that Mr. Baxter and Lori Brayton, from the Supplemental Budget Committee, advised that to their best of their knowledge that the Motor Vehicle Phase-Out funds the Chepachet Fire District has been receiving quarterly in the amount of \$14,156.00 will be continuing based on the Proposed Budget for 2009/2010 and it's approval.

Motion Mr. Hainsworth to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and pay the monthly bills, second By Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais submitted his Monthly Chiefs Reports for February & March 2009 and to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the February and March 2009 Monthly Chief's Reports as presented and place on file, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 3-0.

Committee:

A. Brush Truck Committee: Progress.

Old Business:

A. Mortgage:

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to remove mortgage from agenda, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

B. Slate of Officers: Mrs. Shields is finalizing the Slate of Officers for the 2009 Annual Meeting. Mr. Leonhardt and Mr. Hainsworth have both agreed to run for another 3 year term to expire in 2012. There are 2 Tax Assessor positions that are currently open.

C. 2009/2010 Proposed Budget: Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to

table the discussion on the proposed 2009/2010 Budget until the 2 absent board members can be present, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

New Business:

A. Chief Dauphinais mentioned the Annual TriTown Banquet will be by May 2nd. At Thompson Speedy Way Banquet Hall.

B. Chief Dauphinais made note that Mrs. Shields has now been with the District for 5 years and requested an additional week vacation. Mr. Hainsworth asked that the request be added to next month's agenda to be voted on.

C. Mr. Hainsworth questioned if the District should start charging a fee for an abusive amount of false alarms as well as charging an annual fee for Knox boxes.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on May 20, 2009 at 6:30pm.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

