

## **Chepachet Fire District**

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

**March 18, 2010**

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Members present were Robert Lohr and Lynda Martone.

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

#### **Secretary's Report:**

All members have received copies of the minutes for the January 20th, 2010 meeting for their review.

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

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

Mrs. Svansson present monies received from Mr. McCormick's Office for the following months:

November \$153.67 Fee \$68.12 Total we received \$ 85.55

December \$ 25.00 Fee \$ 2.62 Total we received \$ 23.38

January \$ 49.80 Fee \$4.32 Total we received \$ 45.48

**Mrs. Svansson attended a meeting for Tax Collectors at the Lincoln Town Hall to discuss the status of the Motor Vehicle Phase-out Plan. There has been indication that Fire Districts may not be receiving the Motor Phase-out Funds for the Fiscal year 2010/11 and on. We currently receive approximately \$56,000 in Motor Vehicle Phase-out Funds which is paid to us on a quarterly basis.**

**Mrs. Svansson and Bridget from RI Tax Title have set the next Tax Sale date for Friday, July 23, 2010. 170 Reminder letters have been mailed and payments have been coming in. Bridget will receive a list of accounts that remain unpaid in April and a 90 day notice will be mailed to those accounts by the end of April.**

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

**Treasurer Report:**

**Mrs. Shields presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2010.**

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

**Chief's Report:**

**Chief Dauphinais submitted the January 2010 Monthly Chief's Report to be placed on file.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the Chief's report and placed a copy on file, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.**

**Committee:**

**A. Brush Truck Committee:**

**Truck to be delivered by early Spring.**

**Old Business:**

**A. False Alarms:**

**Chief Dauphinais presented the board with a False Fire Alarm Policy for commercial properties (a copy of that policy has been placed on file with the minutes of this meeting)**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to accept the False Fire Alarm Policy as submitted by the Chief and to be effective as of the date of this meeting March 18, 2010, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.**

**B. Annual Commercial Inspections:**

**a. The Town of Gloucester requires that The Fire Department perform annual inspections to all commercial properties that require a Victualling License. The Department has been doing the inspection at free of charge but due to the time and costs involved the Department now feels a fee for such an inspection needs to be charged to keep operation costs down.**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to set a \$25.00 Annual Inspection Fee for inspections that the Town of Glocester requires for a Victualling License, second by Mr. Lohr and passes 3-0.**

**New Business:**

**A. Annual Banquet: Chief Dauphinais made mention that the Annual Banquet will be held again in Thompson, CT on May 1st, 2010.**

**B. Dispatch Center: The Fire Chiefs from Glocester and Burrillville have been meeting to discuss the possibility of a Dispatch Center for some or most of Northern RI. There has been discussion that Scituate and Foster also be consider in this being part of the center or even tie into Smithfield who has a Dispatch Center. Currently Glocester Police dispatches all calls for our Department. Chief Dauphinais expressed that he has no problems or concerns with the current system but some other Departments have had concerns and/or problems and are considering a Dispatch Center. Chief Dauphinais will keep the board advised of future talks.**

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

**Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on April 21st, 2010 at 6:30pm.**

**With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Lohr and passed 3-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Darlene L. Shields**

**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**