

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting

March 16, 2011

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

Chairman Mr. Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present were Chairman Earl Newman , Lynda Martone and George Leonhardt. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Chief Robert Dauphinais. Absent were Robert Lohr, Jamie Hainsworth, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the February 16, 2011 meeting 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 was unable to attend the monthly meeting ask asked Mrs. Shields to provide an update to the board on her behalf.

Mrs. Shields advised everyone that for the month of February the Tax Collector has collected \$48,366.32 taxes. Interest is now being charged as of March 1st. The Tax Sale date has been set for July 15th at 10am. 164 Warnings Letters were mailed out to those accounts that

owe 2 years or more in taxes. Annual Tax Collector's Membership of \$30.00 is now due.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Tax Collector's monthly report and approve the \$30 Fee for the Annual Membership for Tax Collector's, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere passed out the March 2011 Treasurer's Report. We are currently 75% thru the year and have used 60% of the budget.

He mentioned that there are some accounts have not been used much. Chief Dauphinais advised that he's now ordering and using those funds in the coming months.

Total funds are approximately \$610,000 of which \$313,000 is dedicated money and a \$297,00 is operating funds.

Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the March Treasurer's Reports and pay monthly bills, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 3-0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais read and submitted the February 2011 Monthly Chief's Reports to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone accept the Chief's Monthly Reports and

**place the copies on file, second by
Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.**

Truck Committee: Fire Truck Committee: The committee had a preliminary meeting with Pierce to discuss what specs they were looking for in the new truck. The committee will continue to discuss what changes in the specs they are looking to make.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

1. New Billing Company:

a. Our Third Party Billing Company, Healthcare Management and Billing services, which is run by St. Joseph's Hospital, has decided to not continue doing 3rd Party Billing. The Dawson Group is taking over the current bills on file with Healthcare Management. Chief Dauphinais, Treasurer David Steere and Secretary Darlene Shields had a meeting with Kim Dawson from the Dawson Group and will now start using the Dawson Group for 3rd Party Billing. There fee will remain the same at 4% and there will no longer be an electronic filing fee. No contract was signed in this agreement.

b. The Annual Banquet will be on May 7th , 2011 at Thompson Speedway in Ct.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on April 20, 2011 at 6:30pm.

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 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

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**Darlene L Shields**

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**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**