

## **Chepachet Fire District**

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

**March 20, 2013**

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Members present were Robert Lohr, Lynda Martone, George Leonhardt and Eric Croft. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Chief Robert Dauphinais and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis.

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

All members have received copies of the minutes for February 20th, 2013 Monthly Meeting for their review. Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Croft and passed 5 – 0.

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

Mrs. Svansson mentioned money is coming in very well and in January had 1 check returned. Deposits for the month were \$128,000 and so far for February a little over \$18,000. In a few weeks from now we will start charging interest.

**Mrs. Svansson stated she had received an email from Attorney Glenn Carlson – which was the Attorney we used for the last tax sale and she has been contacted by Bridget – who we used in the past. She will contact both of them as to what their charges will be for the upcoming taxes sale. Mrs. Svansson also wanted to contact Jane and Kim as to who they are planning on using.**

**Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Annual Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Croft and passed 3-0.**

**Treasurer Report:**

**Mr. Steere presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2013 and we are 2/3 thru the year. Expenses are at 60%. Next month we will start working on next year's Budget. Some expenses are under and some are over. Overall the expenses are in good shape.**

**One the last page of the report it lists where the funds came to purchase the new Fire Truck.**

**\$10,000 sale of old truck to the Town of Gloucester**

**\$150,000 Loan from Navigant**

**\$190,000 Truck Fund**

**\$58,968 from Third Party**

**Total of \$408,968 which is the cost of the truck. Truck fund is now at**

**\$17,800. We currently collect around \$14,500 per month for 3rd party and Mr. Steere recommends that on next year budget put \$100,000 towards budget and on paper move \$50,000 towards truck investment to rebuild that investment. The monthly payment will be a set expense on the front side of the report.**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to accept the February 2013 Treasurer's Reports as presented and to pay the monthly bills, second by Mr. Croft and Passed 3-0.**

**Chief's Report:**

**Chief Dauphinais read and submitted the January 2013 Chief's Report to be placed on file.**

**Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports for January 2013, second by Mr. Croft passed 3-0.**

**Committee:**

**Fire Truck Committee:**

**Truck has come in but the lettering needs to be redone. Hope to have it in service within the next. Madison NH Fire Department is interested in the truck we are trading in. The truck is insured until it leaves the station. The truck that Madison is looking into purchasing is through Minuteman not us. The truck was traded as part of the**

**purchase price.**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to dismiss the Truck Committee from service, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.**

**Old Business:**

**1. Investing Options:**

**Mr. Steere meet with the representative from Citizens Bank was going to meet with a representative from Navigant but he has not hear back from Navigant. Mr. Steere recommends that the gentleman from Citizens come in to present the different investing options. Mr. Steere would try to get him in for the March meeting.**

**2. Letter to Minuteman:**

**Chief spoke with Earl after hearing from Minuteman. Chief explained that Minuteman assumed the \$3,500 - \$4,000 in extra equipment on the truck that was added after the first trip at no cost and a second trip for re inspection was fair compensation. Chief agreed that the extra equipment that they received was fair compensation and in the long run they made out better with the not having to pay the extra equipment.**

### **3. Three Department Meeting**

**The 3 chiefs are looking to meet again to continue discussion on the Per Diem and would again like on board member present. Earl said we would be available the 4th – 8th.**

#### **New Business:**

##### **1. Banquet**

**April 13, 2013 Annual 3 Department Banquet at Crystal Lake**

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**The next monthly meeting to be on April 17th, 2013 at 6:30pm.**

**With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to adjourn, second by Mr. Croft and passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm**

**Respectfully submitted,** ~~~~~

**Darlene L Shields**

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**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**