

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting

February 18th, 2015

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, February 18th, 2015. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Members present were Lynda Martone and Eric Croft. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Chief Robert Dauphinais and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis and Tax Collector Patricia Svansson. Absent were Robert Lohr and George Leonhardt.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for December 17th, 2014 Monthly Board Meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Croft and passed unanimously.

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson stated money has been coming in very well and has collected \$163,583.90 for the month of December and 94,616.75 for

the month of January and to date for February approximately \$17,000 has been collected.

Motion made by Mrs.Martone to accept the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for December and January , second by Mr. Croft and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere presented the Treasurer's Monthly Reports for December 2014 and January 2015. Mr. Steere indicated that December's report was wrapped into January's Report. Mr. Steere stated that the expenses are inline as to where we are through this fiscal year at 58% and expenses at 60% which a large portion of the expenses was paying off the truck loan in full in the amount of \$109,000. Last page of report indicates that the repainting of the Engine has been done and expense for the repainting was \$42,995.00. Last page of the report \$700,000 in funds of which 365,000 in restricted funds leaving \$347,000 in operating funds.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Treasurer's Report s for December 2014 and January 2015 as presented and to pay the monthly bills, second by Mr. Croft and Passed unanimously.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais read and submitted the December 2015 and January 2015 Chief's Monthly Reports to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports December 2015 and January 2015, second by Mr. Croft and passed unanimously.

Committee: Charter Committee: To follow this meeting

Rescue Committee – Tabled

Personnel Committee - Tabled

Old Business:

1. Tax Compliance Act:

Mrs. Shields told board she again tried to talk with someone regarding the submission of the social security numbers and did not hear back. She did indicate that she submitted the employees who received compensation information. Mr. Newman said unless we hear back then to remove this item from the agenda.

2. Communications:

Chief Dauphinais advised everyone that the 3 chiefs have met and

reviewed the 2 submission for the upgrade to the communication system. The 2 companies that submitted proposals were Motorola and Marcus Communication. Motorola cost for the upgrade is \$300,000 and Marcus cost was \$212,000. The 3 Chiefs after reviewing the 2 proposals have agreed to go ahead with Marcus Communication. Marcus Communication does offer an annual payment plan with each district being billed separately. They also offer a maintenance program at the cost of \$10,000 annually to be divided by the 3 Districts.

Chief also indicated the project would take about a month to complete which they would like to move forward so that the project can be done over the summer. The testing of the system needs to be done by the early fall when there are leaves still on the trees.

Mr. Newman stated that as a District that they are willing to move forward. Mr. Steere added that the Marcus Group needs to submit the project with the final numbers. Mr. Steere would also like to know more about the financing options.

Mr. Steere and Mrs. Svansson excused themselves from the remainder of the meeting at 7:10PM

NEW BUSINESS:

1. By-Law Changes:

Mrs. Shields advised that she submitted the By-Laws to Attorney Mr. Craven. In the email Mrs. Shields indicated that the Audit section needs to be changed per the State's recommendation to be able to fall in the Reporting Tier the District wants to be in. Mrs. Shields also indicated she addressed the other areas in the BY-Laws that needed to be changes to reflect the Charter Changes and some areas that should be updated.

2. Bills regarding Fire Districts:

Mrs. Shields advised the Board that there were 3 bills submitted at the House level. All members received copies of the bills and are agreement that the bills are not in the Districts best interest. Mrs. Martone said our representatives need to be contacted and we need to communicate with them the Districts concerns. Mrs. Shields will reach out to both Senate Fogarty and Representative Chippendale.

3. Meeting to be set with 3 Fire Districts and Chief's:

Chief Dauphinais advised the board that the other 2 districts are looking to have a meeting with one member from each District's Board and and 3 chief's. Mr. Newman advised he is available and let him know when the meeting will be.

The next meeting will be the Monthly Meeting March 18th, 2015 at 6:00pm.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Croft to adjourn, second by Mrs. Martone and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted, ~~~~~

Darlene L Shields

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District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District