

**HOPE VALLEY/WYOMING FIRE DISTRICT
996 MAIN STREET
HOPE VALLEY, RI 02832**

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Those present: Board Members: Chairman, David Holt, Vice-Chairman, Pasquale DeBernardo, Georgia Ure, Elwood Johnson; Chief Fred Stanley; Treasurer; Deborah Nicotra; Tax Collector; Susan Bok; District Clerk, Julie Kelley

Those not present: Board Member: Ronald Richard; Auditor, Pete Stefanski

The meeting commenced and was called to order by Chairman, David Holt at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11th Monthly Board Meeting were presented. Chairman Holt noted a correction to be made to Page 2, under Budget, paragraph 2, changing “Legislative” to “Legislation” and deleting “and” from the sentence. Mr. DeBernardo motioned to accept the minutes as corrected and Ms. Ure seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on July 17, 2013 were distributed for review. The board will vote on the approval of the minutes at the next annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

Mr. Johnson’s term was up for re-election and was voted in during the annual meeting. Since Mr. Elwood Johnson was not present at the Annual Meeting held on July 17, 2013, District Clerk, Julie Kelley performed the swearing in of Mr. Elwood Johnson for another 3-year term.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

The Tax Collector’s report was presented for July 2013. Ms. Bok indicated that a total of \$47,304.70 has been collected to date. Ms. Ure motioned to accept the Tax Collector’s Report as presented and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s report for July was presented. Ms. Ure motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes

CHIEF’S REPORT

The Chief’s report was presented for July 2013. The board discussed the following points of interest:

The board discussed the tax rate, which has been set at \$1.01 per \$1,000 in property valuation, and the bills have been sent out.

The total water bills finally came in with a total bill for both the station and the park, which came in under budget.

Chairman Holt discussed with the board that he reviewed the Depot Square Park contract and the change orders. He is reviewing the 13th Field Directive, to see if there was actually a change order, which would have been directed to Yardworks or Ms. Elena Pascarella. If this 13th Field Directive was issued, it was not constructed this way. The Field Directive called for 8” of cement when only 2” to 3” were used. In looking though the paperwork, he could not find a specific change order with these requirements. He also reviewed the close out documents. If nothing is resolved by next month he feels we should fix the problem before the winter. There were a total of nine (9) change orders in all. The problem was that he found invoices that listed the change order along with the value but no

explanation of what was directed. Chairman Holt is in the process of writing a letter after final review of all the documents. It is a problem with construction as it was not what the district contracted and paid for. What has moved is the ban of concrete, the fountain itself has not moved. The letter is schedule to go out next week.

The rough estimate received by Ryan Gardiner was approximately \$15,000. This quote was taking stone out, putting in a new liner and rebuilding the fountain. What is needed is to remove and dispose of the existing concrete around the fountain, build the form, and inject the concrete to the correct thickness of 8", at a cost estimated at approximately \$5,000. The board will discuss this further and take action on this at the net monthly board meeting. Ms. Ure inquired about Insurance and whether or not it would cover any of these repairs? Chief Stanley commented that it would cover the surface of the fountain, nothing beneath the surface and only in a disaster situation.

Regarding the sale of the recent Fire Truck, Chief Stanley indicated that we should be receiving a registered letter from the Insurance Company. Legal council found no claims against us.

Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the Chief's Report for July 2013 and Mr. DeBernardo seconded the motion. With no further discussion from the Chief's report, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes

Chief's Special Report

The board discussed the Tangible and Property tax rate reflecting an increase of 4.1% with a tax rate of \$1.01 an increase of \$.04 per \$1,000 of property valuation over last year.

Ms. Ure motioned to accept the Chief's Special Report for July 2013 and Mr. DeBernardo seconded the motion. With no further discussion from the Chief's Special report, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming:

1. Letter addressed to Frederick A. Stanley, Fire Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, from Mr. Thomas S. Brumbaugh, Liability Specialist, regarding Claim No.: RITR213040448-00001 and Claimant Kutztown Community Fire Company and other correspondence/information regarding claim.
2. Letter addressed to Frederick A. Stanley, Fire Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, from Mr. Chris Rodgers, Risk Control Representative, regarding meeting for Wednesday, July 24th and a risk control survey.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. DeBernardo inquired about forming a committee of citizens to work with the board to assist in fund raising for Depot Square Park. Mr. DeBernardo suggested we put a couple of ads in the local newspapers. The board discussed that they would prefer to ask specific individuals that might consider being on the committee. Each member will offer suggestions and discuss this at further length at the next Monthly Board meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Mr. DeBernardo and seconded by Mr. Johnson. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kelley
District Clerk