

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

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

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

**Those not present:** Board Member: Chairman, David Holt; Auditor, Pete Stefanski

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Board Meeting were presented. Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Richard seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

The minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop Meeting were presented. Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Ms. Ure seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Tax Collector's report was presented for May 2014. A total of \$676,224.04 has been collected to date. The amount to be raised by taxes for FY 2014 is \$729,259, leaving an uncollected balance of \$53,035. Mr. Richard 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. DeBernardo-yes; Mr. Richard-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report for May 2014 was presented. The board inquired about the Chase Card Services. It was discussed that the district has two (2) cards with the same account number. Chief Stanley informed the board that the credit card is used to purchase items such as truck parts, or for purchases to vendors where we do not have an account, as well as training sessions.

Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for May as presented and Mr. Richard seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Chief's report was presented for May 2014. The board discussed the following points of interest:

The 2006 Pierce tanker had problems with the side dump actuators. In 2012 we had to replace both side dump actuators at a cost of \$7,290.00 as well as the rear dump actuators at a cost of \$1,800.00 for parts only. After receiving the two (2) letters from Chief Stanley, Pierce Manufacturing has agreed to replace the three (3) actuators with the new style at no cost to the district.

The governor has signed into law the Senate Bill S-2778 as amended and House Bill H-7944 Substitute A as amended. In July a special workshop is to be set up by Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Director of the RI Department of Revenue, to educate us on these new laws and regulations. There is a pre-workshop meeting to be held on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> that Chief Stanley will be attending. The special workshop meeting specifically for fire districts and the

new reporting requirements is to be held on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the CCRI Warwick Campus from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Verizon has completed their test borings for the new tower and has flagged the wetlands. No further details at this time as to the starting date for the tower.

The board discussed whether the 2004 Van was worth repairing. It was discussed that there are only 48,000 miles on the Van and the board concurred that the value of the truck would be worth about \$5,000 and that it would be worth repairing. To refurbish the Van and put new lettering on will cost approximately \$9,000, but if we have Captain David Dumsar remove the old stripping and lettering we could save about \$500.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm, National Grid will be holding a live wire training program in the rear parking lot at the Chariho Middle School. All are welcome as this is a presentation not just for firefighters but also for all ages. This training is being sponsored by the RI Southern Firemen's League.

Regarding the Old Stone Mill apartment complex, Channel 12 has been informed and most issues were directed towards town management. The problem is that the maintenance people are not taking care of things and management is not receiving adequate compensation to manage Section 8 housing. Another issue, the building is not properly insulated, but this is based on the requirements set forth for historical housing.

The board inquired about the cost of Diesel Fuel at this time, Chief Stanley indicated that it was about \$3.55.

There has been no news at this time regarding the IAFC Career Fire Chief of the Year. Chief Stanley was very appreciative for all the letters of support he received on his behalf for his nomination.

A special thank you to our junior firefighters, lead by Lieutenants Mike Deniger and Pat Hawkins for their outstanding work to clean and paint all our fire hydrants which have also been color coded to meet NFPA standards. The board appreciates the efforts of all for a great job.

Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the Chief's Report for May 2014 and Mr. Richard seconded the motion. With no further discussion from the Chief's report, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

The board reviewed the budgetary numbers for FY 2015. The amount to be raised by taxes for FY 2015 would be \$740,938.00 or an increase of \$11,679.00 from last year or a 1.6% increase. This year the district will present a tax rate of \$1.01 per thousand this year.

Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the budget as proposed for FY 2015 and present it during the Budget Hearing on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Mr. Richard seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Incoming:**

1. Letter addressed to Fire District Officials, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, from Ms. Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Director of Revenue, State of RI, Department of Revenue, regarding passage of legislation of S-2778 and amendment of H-7944 Substitute A as amended which were recently signed by the Governor.
2. Resolution #2014-22, in reference to Frederick A. Stanley, Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, from the Town of Richmond, Rhode Island, Ms. Tracy A. Nelson, Richmond Town Clerk providing overwhelming support in favor of Chief Stanley's nomination for the 2014 International Association of Fire Chiefs Career Fire Chief of the Year Award.
3. Email addressed to Chief Frederick A. Stanley, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, from Mr. Mark J. Shelley, CFPS, Senior Field Representative, ISO Community Hazard Mitigation, regarding Apparatus Sheet 2014.docx; 2014 Outreach docx.

**Outgoing:**

1. Letter addressed to Pierce Manufacturing, Customer Service Department, from Mr. Frederick A. Stanley, Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, regarding 2012 Pierce Saber Pumper, Job # 25282 recent repairs.
2. Letter addressed to Mr. Jim Ball, Administrator, RI DEM, Office of Emergency Response from Mr. Frederick A. Stanley, Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, regarding Replacement and refurbishing of two prime movers.
3. Letter addressed to Chief Richard Susi, Ret., Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs, from Mr. David C. Holt, Chairperson, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, regarding nomination of Mr. Frederick A. Stanley, Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District to the IAFC Fire Chief of the Year Award.
4. Letter addressed to Mr. Jeffrey Fournier, Minuteman Fire and Rescue Apparatus, from Mr. Frederick A. Stanley, Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, expressing our appreciation for assisting to resolve the problem with the actuators in our 2006 Pierce Tanker upgrade to the side dump valves.
5. Letter addressed to Mr. James W. Johnson, President, Pierce Manufacturing, from Mr. Frederick A. Stanley, Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, regarding copies of recent correspondence with your customer service department and Mr. Jeff Fournier.
6. Letter addressed to Pierce Manufacturing, Customer Service Department, from Mr. Frederick A. Stanley, Chief, Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, expressing appreciation for the fast response to our complaint letter dated May 8, 2014.
7. Notice to all within the Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District regarding Buffet Dinner in appreciation to Director Mr. Ronald Richard for his dedicated service as an active member of the committee to create the fire district, and for serving as a director from 1999 to July 16, 2014.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No Public forum this evening.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Ure. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kelley  
District Clerk