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Manville Fire District – Minutes September 8, 2015

Annual Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday September 8, 2015

Time of Meeting: 7:00 PM

Place of Meeting: Manville Fire Department

112 Old Main Street

Manville, RI 02838

1. Moderator Opens the Meeting – Opened by Ray Forget at 7:01 PM

2. Moderator Reads the Meeting Notice-

NOTICE: The Annual Meeting of the registered voters of the Manville Fire District will be held on September 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manville

Fire District, 112 Old Main St. Manville, RI 02838 for the purpose of electing officers, ordering taxes and providing for assessing and collecting the same, enacting by-laws as prescribed in section 10 and transacting such business or adopting such measures, consistent with the charter, which the qualified electors at said meeting shall deem beneficial to the fire district.

Present – Warden Ron McKenna

Warden James Akers

Chairman Bob Lake

Warden Jerry St Germain

Warden Paul McKeon

Chief Peter Adam

Clerk Lee Lamothe

35 Total Manville Voters – Qualified by Town of Lincoln list

3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes

Warden McKeon makes a motion to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2014 Annual Meeting as presented, seconded by Warden St Germain. No Discussion. Approved Unanimously.

4. Reports

Chairman Report & Communications –Chairman’s report is included with the packet. He reads it aloud and references an included letter from the MFD attorney.

There is a motion by Warden St Germain to accept the Chairman’s Report and a second by Warden Akers. Call for approval by the Moderator. Approved Unanimously.

a. Treasurer and Tax Collector Report – Treasurer McKenna has included his reports in the packet. He starts by asking the voters for approval through an upcoming resolution to increase legal contingency fee expenses. He also talks about the fact that the asset sheet is now been reduced by a \$118,000 since they had to pay for the new utility truck last week. A taxpayer questions the lack of Balance Sheet.

There is a motion by Warden St Germain to accept the Treasurer's Report and a second by Warden McKeon. The moderator calls for approval. 33 Aye. 2 Nay. (Lipkas). The motion passes.

Tax Collector McKenna presents his reports. The moderator calls for a motion. Warden St Germain makes a motion to accept the Tax Collectors report. Warden McKeon seconds. General discussion about car tax and property tax and the amount of time that the tax collector spends collecting taxes on them. The tax collector speaks briefly about the resolution to eliminate the car tax in Manville. The motion was made and seconded. Approved 35-0.

b. Chief's Report – Chief presents his report. A taxpayer asks about excessive calls to Manville Manor. Chief explains that due to the age of the people there are frequent calls there. There is a motion to approve the Chief's report by Chairman Lake and a second by Warden St Germain. Approved 35-0.

5. New Business

a. Approval of Budget for Fiscal year 2015/2016

Taxpayer Auclair asks about reducing the pay of the tax collector to correspond with the reduction in work he will have if the Resolution to eliminate the car tax is passed. The Chairman explains that this could be looked at next year but the budget needs to be approved before the resolution and this issue was unforeseen. There is discussion about several line items including the Audit/Compilation Line.

There is a motion by Voter Auclair and seconded by Voter Lipka to cut the pay of the Treasurer/TaxCollector by 40% to \$10247. 6 Vote to approve and 24 vote Nay. The motion does not pass.

There is a motion by Warden McKeon and a second by Warden St Germain to approve the budget as presented. 32 vote to Aye and 3 vote Nay. The motion passes.

b. Approval of Resolutions.

Resolution R-1

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize the elimination of the motor vehicle tax. The loss of income will be offset with implementing the same tax rate that we have had for the previous 7 years at \$1.87 a thousand (\$34,132) and the allocating of \$18,000 from the 2015-16 collections of delinquent taxes. We have collected \$45,574 in motor vehicle taxes to date. The \$30 minimum tax represents 20 cents on the tax rate. There is extensive discussion regarding this resolution.

There is a call for a paper ballot vote by Paul Armstrong on this resolution. Two volunteer's joined the Clerk to count ballots. Clerk reports results, 14 vote Aye and 21 vote Nay. The resolution does not pass

Resolution R-2

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby affix the tax on real estate and tangible property for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 at the rate of \$1.87 per thousand dollars and a minimum of \$30 per taxpayer

as assessed by the Town of Lincoln

This is not voted on due to the fact that Resolution 1 did not pass.

See R-3

Resolution R-3

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby affix the tax on real estate and tangible property for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 at the rate of \$1.67 per thousand dollars and a minimum of \$30 per taxpayer as assessed by the Town of Lincoln

Motion by Warden St Germain and Second by Warden McKeon.

Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-4

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby affix the tax rate on motor vehicles for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 at the rate of \$1.70 per thousand dollars and a minimum of \$30.00 per tax payer as assessed by the Town of Lincoln in conformance with the RI State Statute.

Motion by Mr. Auclair and Second by Mr. Pichette. Approved

Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-5

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby set the interest rate at 1 ½ % per month to equal 18% per annum on delinquent and unpaid taxes. A collection fee of \$25 on all unpaid real estate taxes beginning January 1, 2016.

Motion by Warden McKeon and Second by Warden St Germain.

Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-6

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby approve the relocation of 15%(recommended by auditors) of surplus 2013-2014 funds to the restricted surplus account and the remainder of the surplus 2013-2014 fund be allocated to the capital funds account. The final amount to be determined after the January 2016 audit compilation.

Motion by Warden McKenna and Second by Warden Akers. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-7

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize the relocation of surplus 2013-14 funds to cover uncollected taxes, up to \$10,000 to meet the 2014-15 budget. This is due to not achieving the budgeted 95% collection rate.

Motion by Warden McKenna and Second by Warden Akers. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-8

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize the establishment of a legal contingency account for FY 2015-2016 in the amount of \$15,000. Monies to be allocated from the Capital MM account.

Motion by Warden McKeon and Seconded by Warden Akers.

Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-9

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize an allocation of up to \$6000 to cover the additional legal expenses incurred beyond the budgeted \$10,000 contingency fund in the 2014-15 budget.

Motion by Mr. Auclair and Second by Chairman Lake. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-10

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize an allocation of up to \$10,000 from the capital expense account for the replacement of the boiler system at the fire station.

Motion by Mr. Auclair and Second Warden St Germain. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-11

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize an allocation of up to \$2500 from the capital expense account to remodel the handicap rest room at the fire station due to the installation of the new boiler.

Motion by Warden St. Germain and Second by Warden Akers. Approved Unanimously.35-0

Resolution R-12

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize an allocation of up to \$8,800 from the capital expense account to resurface the floor in the fire station bay #3.

Motion by Warden Akers and Second by Warden McKeon. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-13

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize an allocation of up to \$7,500 from the capital expense account for the replacement of the fire station fire alarm system. The current system is outdated and parts are no longer available.

Motion by Warden St Germain and Second by Mr. Auclair. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-14

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize an allocation of up to \$30,000 from the capital expense account for the repairs to Engine 10.

Motion by Mr. Auclair and Second by Mr. Moreau. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

Resolution R-15

Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District voters assembled here on September 8, 2015 do hereby authorize the allocation of up to \$19,000 from the capital expense account for repairs/replacement to the asphalt apron in front of the fire station.

Motion by Warden St. Germain and Second by Mr. Moreau. Approved Unanimously. 35-0

6. Election of District Officers

For the office of Moderator - There is a motion by Dennis Auclair to

nominate Ray Forget. Warden McKeon seconds. Paul Armstrong moves to close nominations. Approved Unanimously.

For the office of Clerk – There is a motion by Dennis Auclair to nominate Lee Lamothe. Warden McKeon seconds. Paul Armstrong moves to close nominations. Approved Unanimously.

For the office of Tax Collector – There is a motion by Bob Lake to nominate Ron McKenna. Warden McKeon seconds. Paul Armstrong moves to close nominations. Approved 33-2

For the office of Treasurer - There is a motion by Bob Lake to nominate Ron McKenna. Warden McKeon seconds. Paul Armstrong moves to close nominations. Approved 33-2.

For the office of Warden - There is a motion by Dennis Auclair to nominate Jim Akers. Warden Paul Armstrong seconds. Warden St. Germain moves to close nominations. Approved Unanimously.

For the office of Warden - There is a motion by Ray Forget to nominate Paul McKeon. Eric Moreau. seconds. Chairman Lake moves to close nominations. Approved Unanimously.

7. Public Comment

Moderator Forget wishes to thank and congratulate all the volunteer fire fighters of the Manville Fire Department.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Warden McKenna at 9:01PM, Seconded by Warden St.Germain. Approved Unanimously.

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