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Manville Fire District – Minutes November 17, 2015

Date of Meeting: Tuesday November 17, 2015

Time of Meeting: 7:00pm

Place of Meeting: St James Church

33 Division Street

Manville, RI 02838

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Lead by Chairman Lake @ 7:00 pm

2. Roll Call of Officers-

Present – Warden Ron McKenna

Warden James Akers

Chairman Bob Lake

Warden Jerry St Germain

Warden Paul McKeon

Also Present -

Clerk Lee Lamothe

3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes

Warden Akers makes a motion to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 regular meeting as they are presented. There is a second by Warden McKenna. No discussion. Approved 5-0-0

4. Reports

a.Chairman Report & Communications –Chairman has attached photos of the damage to Engine #10. The work is underway to repair it and they believe they will be able to honor the quoted price. The Chair also reports on the boiler replacement in the fire station that was done last week. Everyone is happy with the instant hot water. The layout needs to be modified slightly.

b.Treasurer and Tax Collector Report – Tax Collector/Treasurer McKenna reads his first report of the fiscal year. MFD has collected 38.5% of taxes to date this is about an average collection. McKenna talks about the 60 properties that are currently delinquent. This is a much greater amount than normal. He also put the blocks on the delinquent car taxes with the DMV. There were over 500. There was an email sent to the town clerk to ask the town to hold off issuing liquor licenses to three establishments in Manville that have not paid their fire taxes. MFD's assets at this time are \$579,815.75. So far this year we have expended \$5,4867.45. There will be some abatement's at the next meeting. There is a motion to accept the Tax Collector/Treasurer's report by Warden St Germain. Warden Akers seconds. Approved 4-0-1(McKenna abstains).

c.Chief's report –Chairman Lake reads the Chiefs report. There were 48 runs – 37 in Manville, 8 in Albion, 1 in Cumberland, 1 in N. Smithfield, and 1 in Limerock. We averaged 6.8 firefighters per call. There were a total of 2 nights of training. The Chair tells the Warden about a continuing problem with a dispatcher has bypassed Manville. Chief Adam is in discussion with the other local fire chiefs to make them aware of the situation.

Motion made by Warden McKenna to accept the report. There is a second by Warden St. Germain. Approved 5-0-0.

5. Payment of Bills

Chairman Lake reads all the bills out loud. The total is \$12,468.55. There is a question by Warden McKenna about the Lincoln Chiefs Association. There is a question by Chairman Lake about a bill for \$300 to Image Autosports. Discussion by Wardens and an agreement to hold payment until we find an explanation for that amount. A motion to strike payment of \$1,500 to the Lincoln Fire Chiefs Association is made by Warden McKenna and seconded by Warden St. Germain. Approved 5-0-0. Discussion among the Wardens about the cost of replacing lights for Deputy's new vehicle. A motion to strike payment of \$300 to Image Autosports is made by Warden Akers and seconded by Warden St Germain until more information is available. Approved 4-1(McKeon)-0.

A motion to accept and pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$10,668.55 was made by Warden Akers and seconded by Warden St Germain. Approved 5-0-0.

6. Income

Total of \$30.00 this month. This was for 1 smoke detector inspection. A motion was made by Warden Akers and seconded by Warden St Germain to approve the income report. Approved 5-0-0.

7. Old Business

a. Attorney Communication. The Attorneys for our insurance company has moved forward with advancing the Desmaris matter to a jury trial. Several board members, Clerk and previous board members received letters from VFIS's attorney and will provide documents for discovery to the plaintiff's attorney to expedite their discovery process. To date the plaintiff's attorney had not advanced the discovery process since 2010. VFIS attorney has deposed plaintiffs already and are ready to try this case. A certified copy of the MFD hard drive from the former Deputy's computer will also be provided to the plaintiffs' lawyer. According to the insurance company's attorney, VFIS will not settle and they prefer to move forward with a jury trial as soon as possible.

8. New Business

There is no new business

9. Public Comment

Paul Armstrong talks about the new lights on new vehicles, about the dues for the Lincoln Fire Chiefs' association, and he wants to know if this new location for board meetings is permanent? He is informed that the board expects to continue to meet here for the foreseeable future.

10. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn made by Warden McKenna at 7:35 PM, second by

Warden McKeon. Approved 5-0-0.

Date Agenda Posted SOS: 11/8/15 @12:40pm

Date of Meeting: 11/17/15

Posted: SOS, MFD Station, Manville Post Office, Town Hall

Draft Minutes posted on SOS: 11/30/2015

Minutes submitted to/ and approved by Board:

Approved Minutes posted on SOS: