

Approved 09/09/10

Exeter Fire District

(June 10, 2010)

Call to Order

Chairman Peter Lacouture called the June 10 meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:06pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Wilbur, Gallagher, Aker and Nievera. Ms. Caito, district treasurer, was also present. There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Caito reported the beginning balance in the district accounts to be \$160,407.71 as of April 9, 2010. Activity within the accounts brings the balance to \$199,490.78 as of May 10, 2010. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Aker second) acceptance of the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera has compared the report of the treasurer with the bank statements and is satisfied with it's' accuracy. After a short discussion Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Wilbur second) directing Ms. Caito to send the full Q4 payment to each of the public safety organizations when they are due. The motion carried

unanimously.

Previous Month's Minutes

Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Gallagher second) postponing the reading and acceptance of the minutes of both the March and May meetings until the next meeting (in September). The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera has been asked to re-circulate both sets of minutes at his earliest convenience.

Communications

Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail had been given to the treasurer for her action. He also reports having received the annual survey of fire districts from the RI Office of Municipal Affairs. Additionally, he has received a letter re-appointing him to the board for another term of two years. Mr. Lacouture reported the receipt of several pieces of correspondence from National Grid.

Old Business

Mr. Nievera reviewed the delinquent report of May 17 and promised to circulate an updated report at the end of the fiscal year, later this month. He also read the report of the collector. He then moved (Mr. Aker second) to direct Ms. Caito to increase the hourly rate of compensation for the collector the budgeted 3%. After a short review

of the collector's performance it was agreed to increase her salary by 3% effective July 1, 2010. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will notify Ms. McMahon of this action.

With regard to the tax sale, Mr. Nievera noted that one property was not bid on and another had to be removed from the sale on a technicality. (The title search was flawed and the proper notification was not give to all those listed on the title.) After a short discussion Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Wilbur second) to purchase the interest in the one remaining property thus preserving our tax interest in the property. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera then moved (Mr. Aker second) to hold a second tax sale for the property removed from the sale due to a technicality. That motion also carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will start the process as soon as possible.

Mr. Nievera stated his desire, as well as that of the collector, to add another fee to the tax sale procedure. He said that a "redemption fee" would cause those redeeming properties, already through the tax sale process, to be more directly responsible for their costs. It was agreed that a fee of \$50.00 would be applied to each redemption. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Chief Chamberlain (EVFD #1) reported that the new town Fire Marshal, Susan Hawksley, has begun her duties.

Mr. Lacouture will research the feasibility of withholding building

permits due to the failure to pay fire district taxes.

Chief Caito (Exeter Rescue Corps) reported that the state of RI had enacted new rescue protocols for EMS use. They are currently training with them.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Fire District Board of Commissioners will be held on September 9, 2010. That meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public library and will begin at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) adjournment at 8:17pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bill Nievera, Clerk
Exeter Fire District**