

Approved 01/13/11

Exeter Fire District

(November 18, 2010)

Call to Order

Chairman Peter Lacouture called the November meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:08pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Wilbur, Aker, Gallagher and Nievera. There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report

For the period from May 10, 2010 to October 8, 2010 Ms. Caito reports the beginning balance in the district accounts to be \$199,490.78. Activity within the accounts brings the balance to \$252,785.46. as of October 8th. Mr. Nievera has compared the treasurer's reports with the bank statements and is satisfied with their accuracy. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Aker second) acceptance of the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Miss Caito will investigate the possibility of opening another account to "park" district funds to protect them from the FDIC limit of

\$250,000.

Ms. Caito also presented the annual report of Peter D'orsi to the commissioners.

Previous Month's Minutes

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Wilbur second) acceptance of the minutes from the September meeting. The motion passed 4 – 0, with Mr. Nievera abstaining due to his absence from the subject meeting. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.

Communications

All operational mail has been given to the treasurer for her action. Mr. Nievera reported having filed the "Survey of Fire Districts" with the State (of RI. and Providence Plantations.)

Old Business

Mr. Nievera read the report of the collector. He then gave a report on the status of delinquent accounts and a brief overview of accounts going to tax sale next year. Delinquent notices will be in the mail by the end of next week with those eligible for inclusion on the tax sale list mailed by early next week.

The FEMA funds will be distributed by the fire district within the

month. There followed a short discussion on the mechanism in which the volunteer fire departments could be considered as paid personnel during storm/emergency restoration situations. Because of their “volunteer” status, they are not eligible for full treatment under FEMA guidelines. It was agreed to investigate this further.

Mr. Nievera asked about the interest of placing a sign at either the rescue bldg. or the fire station announcing future Commissioner’s meetings. There was little interest in pursuing this suggestion.

Mr. Lacouture introduced a timeline for the Annual Meeting in April. There were no Ad hoc committee reports.

New Business

Chief Chamberlain reported that it is becoming more and more difficult to get responders during the daytime hours. He has sought assistance with an outside organization to help with recruitment and retention efforts. He has also announced a Fire Fighter 1 course to begin in February of 2011. Participants will be from his station, West Greenwich #1 and the East Greenwich department. He also informed the board that his department would not be able to submit a budget with an increase of 0%. FEMA requirements and training obligations are forcing him to submit an increase.

Ms. Caito reported that the Rescue Corps has changed billing companies. They expect to be the recipient of more billed dollars in the future.

Mr. Lacouture reports the receipt of a grant for a “skid unit” to be

used primarily for brush fires. With the re-posting of weight limits (significantly lower) on bridges within the management area, this will help with public safety incidents (primarily brush fires) within the area.

Mr. Lacouture inquired as to the interest in a “pot luck” dinner during the month of January. There being sufficient interest, he will circulate an e-mail with possible dates for the dinner.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Fire District Board of commissioners will be held on January 13, 2011. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public library and will begin at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) adjournment at 8:29 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Nievera, Clerk

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