

**Approved 01/12/2012**

**Exeter Fire District**

**(November 10, 2011)**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Peter Lacouture called the November meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:18pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Wilbur, Slater, Gallagher, Rooney and Nievera. There were three members of the public in attendance.**

### **Public Comment**

**There was no public comment.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Ms. Caito reported beginning account balances to be \$251,200.83 as of September 08 2011. Activity within the accounts brings the balance, as of October 11, 2011 to \$281,950.72. Mr. Nievera has compared the report of the treasurer with those from the bank and is satisfied with its accuracy. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Wilbur second) acceptance of the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ms. Caito also stated that the district has exceeded the insurance limit on the accounts at Citizens. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Wilbur second) sending the Q2 payments to the organizations early. The**

**motion carried unanimously.**

## **Previous Month's Minutes**

**Mr. Wilbur moved (Mr. Gallagher second) acceptance of the minutes of the October meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.**

## **Communications**

**Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail had been given to the treasurer for her action. He also reported receiving the 2011 Govt. Units Survey. He will complete and submit the survey online, tomorrow.**

## **Old Business**

**Mr. Nievera reported on his contact with the four references provided by the two candidates for the office of treasurer for the district. Each commissioner, that wished to do so, voiced his opinion on the candidates. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Rooney second) closing the discussion. That motion carried unanimously. It was agreed that Pauline MacDonald would be offered the position as treasurer to succeed Ms. Caito. Mr. Nievera will notify Ms. MacDonald tomorrow morning. Mr. Lacouture will contact Mr. Halstead.**

There followed a brief discussion on the out of business abatements the district is carrying on the tax rolls. Mr. Nievera will check the by-laws and the charter as to the ability to address these abatements differently from that of the town.

Ms. Caito has delivered the paperwork for the annual financial review to Mr. D'orsi.

Chiefs Chamberlain and Franklin updated the commissioners on their progress on the ISO project. Chief Franklin noted that the ISO process is likely to change during the coming year. Both chiefs feel that we could easily advance to an 8 on the ISO scale. However, they feel it would be more advantageous to work toward a more favorable rating sometime later in the year, when more is known about the new ISO procedures. The ISO team will meet in January or February with the objective of a water shuttle being planned for the late spring or early summer months.

Chiefs Chamberlain and Franklin continue work on their fire pre-plans.

## **New Business**

Mr. Lacouture presented a timeline for the annual budget process. He stated that with the economy still in its less than favorable state, the organizations should attempt to hold all increases to an absolute minimum.

Ms. Caito advised that their new rescue vehicle should be delivered within the next two or three weeks.

**Mr. Lacouture presented a RI “211, Get Connected, Get Answers” card. This program is sponsored by the United Way and Hasbro Children’s Fund.**

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Exeter Fire District Board of Commissioners will be held on January 12, 2012. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public Library and will begin at 7:00pm.**

### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Wilbur second) adjournment at 8:37 pm. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Bill Nievera, Clerk**

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