

Approved 12/12/2013

Exeter Fire District

(November 14, 2013)

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Kettelle called the November 14th meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:05pm. Commissioners Scott Kettelle, Kevin Rooney, Patricia Whitford, Andrew Slater, Charles Franklin, Larry Aker and Bill Nievera were present. District treasurer Pauline MacDonald and attorney Peter Ruggiero were also present. There were four (4) members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Treasurers' Report

Activity in the district accounts since the last reported balance of \$464,096.08 (09/26/2013) brings the current balance to \$470,815.15 as of October 31, 2013. Mr. Nievera moved (Ms. Whitford second) the acceptance of the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. MacDonald reported as to the collection rate to date and that collections were progressing at a satisfactory pace.

Previous Month's Minutes

Mr. Aker moved (Ms. Whitford second) acceptance of the minutes of the October 10th meeting. 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 has been given to the treasurer for her action. He additionally reported that the request for the use of the EWG Jr/Sr high school auditorium for our annual meeting has been approved by the school district administration and received by him. The date for the next annual meeting is April 9, 2014.

Old Business

Mr. Nievera reported that there were no abatements for the month. He also reported that the collector has requested uncompensated time off on the dates of 01/08, 01/15 and 01/22/2014. Mr. Nievera will hold the office open on the 15th and 22nd and close the office on the 8th of the month. The 15th and 22nd being closer to the next collection period beginning on the 1st of February. The office will be signed and an announcement placed on the tape to indicate the status of the office hours of operation.

Mr. Kettelle asked Mr. Nievera if he would circulate a timeline for the budget process. He agreed to do so and will have it at his earliest opportunity.

New Business

Mr. Kettelle reported that EVFD#1 is in the final stages of procuring a grant for PPE.

Mr. Jordan advised the board that Jack Kliever, past president of the Exeter Rescue Corps, will be assuming the position as acting chief of the Corps upon his departure. Mr. Kliever will remain acting chief until the annual meeting in April. Mr. Jordan further reports that his search for an interim chief from within the ranks proved fruitless. A short discussion followed on the possible guidelines for a search to replace the Caitos. Mr. Nievera stated that he wished to thank the Caitos, as well as Mr. Jordan, for their work and time invested in the Rescue Corps. Mr. Kettelle, as well as the remainder of the commissioners, thanked Mr. Jordan and the Caitos for their involvement with the Rescue Corps. It was agreed by all concerned that the Rescue budget will be very closely scrutinized during this budget process and that very detailed explanations will be necessary.

Mr. Kettelle informed the board that all repairs have been made relative to the lightning strike that took out most of the equipment in the dispatch center. The dispatch board is looking into placing a lightning arrestor on the incoming (National Grid) side of the electric service in hopes of elimination that particular chance of a lightning strike.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Exeter Fire District will be held on Thursday, 12/12/2013. 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 8:02 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bill Nievera, Clerk
Exeter Fire District**