

**Approved 01/09/2014**

**Exeter Fire District**

**(December 12, 2013)**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Scott Kettelle called the December 12th meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:07pm. Commissioners Scott Kettelle, Kevin Rooney, Patricia Whitford, Andrew Slater, Charles Franklin and Bill Nievera were present. Attorney Peter Ruggiero was also present. There were three (3) members of the public in attendance.**

#### **Public Comment**

**There was no public comment.**

#### **Treasurers' Report**

**Due to the absence of the treasurer there was no report of the treasurer. Mr. Nievera gave a brief explanation of the latest delinquent report and reported on the collection rate to date.**

#### **Previous Month's Minutes**

**Mr. Rooney moved (Mr. Slater second) acceptance of the minutes of the November 14th 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 had been given to the treasurer for her action. Mr. Kettelle reported that he had received notice from the Exeter Rescue Corps stating that Jack Kliever had been elected the new interim chief of the rescue corps.**

## **Old Business**

**Mr. Nievera suggested that a credit card be obtained for business uses. After a brief discussion it was decided that he would investigate the options for obtaining a card.**

**Mr. Rooney volunteered to have the organizations e-mail their respective budget requests to him for compilation and presentation at the February meeting. Mr. Nievera will notify the organizations of this change. All budget requests are due to Mr. Rooney by February 1st, 2014.**

**It was agreed that the budget hearing would be held at the Global Center for Threat, Risk and Vulnerability (742 Ten Rod Rd.) as it was last year. Mr. Nievera will arrange for this venue and report back to the commissioners.**

## **New Business**

**Mr. Kettelle asked Mr. Rooney to assist with the USDA paperwork relative to the assumption of debt on behalf of the fire district. Mr.**

**Rooney agreed to do so.**

**Mr. Kettelle stated that the rescue budget will have to be explained completely. Mr. Nievera said that the rescue corps did not do an effective job of representing their budget request last year.**

**Mr. Nievera suggested changes to the budget request form that has been in use for several years. It was decided to seek input from the organizations. Mr. Nievera will e-mail the organizations and invite them to discuss the request form at the January meeting.**

**There followed a short discussion on the pros and cons of a private rescue service providing ambulance service within the town.**

**Chief Jordan reported that he was appointed by the Fire District Board to serve as Chief of Rescue for six months. The six months are now complete. Chairman Kettelle, on behalf of himself and the District Commissioners, recognized and thanked Chief Jordan for his management of Rescue, which has brought Rescue to a much better place today than it was six months ago when Chief Jordan stepped in.**

**Chief Chamberlain stated that his department continues to work on grants in order to further fire protection for his area of responsibility.**

**Charlie Franklin stated that station #2 is currently working a grant that would purchase an air filling station along with new air packs for their firefighters.**

**Chief Jordan stated that the members of the rescue corps have elected Jack Kliever as their interim chief. He will serve until the annual meeting in April.**

## **Next Meeting**

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Exeter Fire District will be held on Thursday, 01/09/2014. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public Library and will begin at 7:00pm.**

**Feb. 13th – February meeting. Budget review with public safety representatives.**

**Feb. 27th – Budget hearing at Global Center for Threat, Risk and Vulnerability.**

## **Adjournment**

**Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Rooney second) adjournment at 8:14 pm. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Bill Nievera, Clerk**

**Exeter Fire District**