

Approved 02/27/2014

Exeter Fire District

(February 13, 2014)

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Kettelle called the February 13th meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:08pm. Commissioners Scott Kettelle, Kevin Rooney, Patricia Whitford, Bill Nievera (Andrew Slater and Charles Franklin arrived late) were present. Attorney Peter Ruggiero was also present. There were six (6) members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Treasurers' Report

As of December 27, 2013 the closing balance in the district accounts was \$392,591.81. Activity within the accounts brings the balance, as of January 28, 2014 to \$343,614.41 Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Rooney second) accepting the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Previous Month's Minutes

Ms. Whitford moved (Mr. Rooney second) accepting the minutes of the January 9th 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.

Old Business

Mr. Nievera reported the collections to date and that the district had reached its \$2,000 budgeted amount for abatements. Also discussed was the closure of the tax office during significant weather events. It was agreed to allow the collector to use her discretion. The office telephone announcement, however, is to be updated for each closure. There followed a brief update on the annual meeting process and actions taken to date.

New Business

Mr. Kettelle distributed copies of his draft EMS policies & procedures.

After a short discussion on labor relations, Mr. Nievera moved (Ms. Whitford second) appointing Mr. Rooney as Exeter Rescue Employees/Labor Relations liaison. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Chamberlain reported that all of his grant money had been received and that he had ordered several new shields for firefighter

helmets.

Ms. Whitford reported that she had met with Ms. Caito regarding the Rescue Corps books.

After a short discussion Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Franklin second) the payment of a stipend of \$520.00 per year (\$10.00/week) to Ms. MacDonald to act as treasurer for the fire district. This stipend will take effect with the new budget.

The need for a written letter of intent (to sign over accounts and transfer equipment) from the current Rescue Board to the fire district was discussed. There exists no letter at this time; all agreements up to the present time have been verbal. Mr. Satchwill was asked to bring this request to his board of directors at their next meeting.

Several budget requests for the rescue organization were studied, after which Ms. Whitford moved (Mr. Rooney second) the four (4) employee and ½ chief option. This option looks to be the most fiscally responsible for the district and in the best interest of the taxpayer/resident. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Whitford moved (Mr. Rooney second) pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4 & 5(a) (2) Potential Litigation (Dissolution of rescue service company), that the board enter into executive session. The roll call vote was unanimous. Executive session was entered at 8:08pm.

Mr. Rooney moved (Mr. Franklin second) exiting the executive session and returning to the regular portion of the meeting at 9:45pm. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Whitford

moved (Mr. Rooney second) sealing the minutes of this executive session. On a roll call vote that motion carried unanimously. It was announced by the Chair that no votes were taken in the executive session.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Exeter Fire District will be held on Thursday, 03/13/2014. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public Library and will begin at 7:00pm.

There will be a special meeting of the commissioners to review the individual budgets of the district organizations on Thursday, February 20, 2014. The meeting will be held at station #2 on Nooseneck Hill Rd. and begin at 7:00pm.

Additionally, there will be a budget hearing held on 02/27/2014. That meeting will be held at the Global Center for Threat, Risk and Vulnerability located at 742 Ten Rod Rd. That meeting will also start at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Kettelle second) adjournment at 9:47pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Nievera, Clerk

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