

Vice Chairman Kevin Rooney called the Regular Meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order on February 12, 2015 at 7:05 pm at the Exeter Public Library.

Roll Call: Commissioners Present Kevin Rooney, Patricia Whitford, Charles Franklin, Andrew Slater, William Haas, Robert Johnson. Commissioners absent Ross Aker. Also present Attorney Peter Ruggiero.

Public Comment: No Public Comment this evening.

Minutes: Motion made by Charles Franklin to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of January 8, 2015, second by Bill Haas. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

Treasurer report: Pauline is absent, Kevin distributed Income statement/balance sheet (attached). Motion made by Bill Haas to table the report until next regular meeting second by Patricia Whitford. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

Acknowledgement of resignation of Scott Kettelle; Scott has resigned from the Board he was representing Exeter #1. Scott did an outstanding job while he served as a Commissioner and Chairman on the Fire District Board.

Acknowledgement of New Commissioner representing Exeter #1. Robert Johnson is the new representative for Exeter #1. Robert Johnson is welcomed to the Fire District Board.

Archiving Rescue records: No Action taken

Appointment of Clerk: No Action taken

State Police Location: Commissioner Haas met with Colonel O'Donnell, Ray Morrissey, Town Council President and Daniel Patterson, Town Council Vice President at the EMS Building on January 9, 2015 to discuss the changes for the State Police location in the building. Bill stated the Town will take care of the cost for the renovations, Job Corp will provide the construction. The Police will cover the cost of electricity, computers, bullet proof glass. Discussion on the parking at EMS Building Town Council discussed the Town will consider fixing the parking lot in the front of the building. The parking should be fixed so vehicles would not have to back out on to the road, and no gullies would separate the parking lot from the road.

Budget for 2015-2016: Kevin distributed the budget request from all entities to the board. The Commissioners review each request Exeter #1- 5.5% increase, they are proposing to buy a new truck by taking \$175,000 out of their capital fund. Exeter #2- 3.53% increase. Dispatch 4.71% increase. EMS -7.17% decrease. Fire District Administration 5.59% increase.

Total increase for the 2015-2016 of the Exeter Fire District proposed budget is 0.01%.

New Business: Election of Officers: Kevin Rooney will continue to fill in as Chairman until reorganization in April.

Attorney Report: Peter Ruggiero stated he will be in contact with Peter D'Orsi for a review of Finances. The USDA loans for EMS have been transferred over to the district. Peter will be working on the resolutions and Warrant for the April Annual Meeting.

Status Tax Office: Charlie read the Tax Collector's report for February (attached). The Tax Collector would like to use Opal to print the Tax Bills, follow the Town's due dates and collection of interest these suggestions will be considered with the resolutions for the annual meeting. Patricia Whitford made a suggestion of perhaps bringing the Fire District billing through the Town's Tax Collector in the same matter the School District uses. At the present we are costing the taxpayer double for printing bills, envelopes, postage, paper, time. The district is in need of a Treasurer perhaps the position of Tax Collector could be turned into a Treasurer's position. The present Tax Collector may be interested in becoming Treasurer. The Board has touched on this in the past. This would have to be done with joint approval of the Board and Town. Andrew will contact Councilman Kevin McGovern to discuss; Kevin is the Town Council Liaison to the Town's Tax Collector's Office. Kevin Rooney will speak with Jean the Fire District Tax Collector to inform her of the discussion.

EMS Report; Cindy Horan presented the EMS report (attached)

Exeter #1; Chief Chamberlain stated Exeter #1 is hosting Fire Fighter course #1.

Exeter #2; Chief Franklin stated they have been very busy.

Administrated issues: No issues this evening.

Motion made by Bill Haas to adjourn at 8:15 pm second by Patricia Whitford. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Whitford
Acting Clerk Exeter Fire District