

RICHMOND-CAROLINA FIRE DISTRICT

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Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday November 20, 2014
7:00 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Berke called the meeting to order at 7:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Chairman Berke, Chief Barber, Vice Chairman Kenyon, Deputy Chief Place,
Tax Collector Monty
Absent: Treasurer McLeroy

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2014 MEETING:

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous month's meeting made by Chief Barber
Seconded by Deputy Chief Place
So voted

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES REVIEWED BY AUDITORS:

Motion to pay the invoices made by Deputy Chief Place
Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon
So voted

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax collector Monty presented the tax collector's report.
Motion to accept the tax collector's report made by Vice Chairman Kenyon
Seconded by Chief Barber
So voted

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's written report was delivered and reviewed by the board.
Motion to accept the treasurer's written report made by Deputy Chief Place
Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon
So voted

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The spare set of jaws unit has been returned and converted to be compatible with all the equipment we presently have. The spreaders will be returned when they the work is completed, the spreader housing failed the pressure test and will need some more work. The plan is to put them on the new engine when that is all set. The new engine specs are almost completed and only need a little more work, the bids will probably not go out until after the first of the year, that would put the delivery of the truck sometime around October or November 2015. This should have little impact on the budget for truck payments. The work to the sprinkler system at Richmond Elementary School continues. The only hold up is going to be the gymnasium, because they have to replace the roof; so what they are going to do is activate the system and test within the next two weeks, so everything else will be live except for the gym.

CHIEFS REPORT CONTINUED:

The radio room is almost done. We had a lot of issues with the tile. We can see the finish line in sight, I understand that it has been inconvenient but we are going to get it done.

I just wanted to comment on the trainings, trainings have been going well very well attended and I know that this time of year is tough with the holidays coming up, but this time of year is when we typically see our call volume on the rise.

One more thing the awning on 600 has been repaired and looks like nothing even happened.

Motion to accept the chief's report made by Vice Chairman Kenyon

Seconded by Deputy Chief Place

So voted

OLD BUSINESS:

STATION 61 SIGN

Chairman Berke has contacted two companies Finish Line Signs in Ashaway and Dexter Signs in. East Providence. Finish Line Signs seemed interested in the job. Little progress as far as commitment from any companies, Chairman Berke will continue to research and continue with the job.

AUDIT UPDATE

Chairman Berke has signed a letter of engagement with Marcum, the company that Bob Civetti works for. All of the paper work Bob Civetti requested has been received. The letter of engagement states that the 2011 audit will be completed by the end of this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW DEPUTY CHIEF VACANCY

Chief Barber started the discussion and made a motion to appoint Second Deputy Chief Place to the First Deputy position until the next annual meeting in June of 2015.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon

Discussion followed

So voted

One Abstention

First Deputy Chief Place was given the oath of office.

Chief Barber made a motion to appoint Robert Gardner to the position of Second Deputy Chief for the remainder of the term.

Seconded by Deputy Chief Place.

A question was raised why Robert Gardner should be advanced to the rank of deputy chief when there are two ranking members of the department ahead of Robert. Chief Barber followed with, that in order to stay compliant with our charter the other two ranking officers cannot advance to a board position due to fact that they live outside the district.

So voted

Robert Gardner was given the oath of office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Kenyon

Seconded by Deputy Chief Place

So voted 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Santagata

District Clerk