

RICHMOND-CAROLINA FIRE DISTRICT

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Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday February 19, 2015
7:00 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Berke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

An invitation from the Exeter #1 Fire District, for their annual membership supper was extended to the Chief and several representatives from our district.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015 MEETING:

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting made by Deputy Chief Place

Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon

So voted

APPROVAL TO PAY REGULAR INVOICES AS REVIEWED BY AUDITORS:

Motion to pay the invoices made by Vice Chairman Kenyon

Seconded by Deputy Chief Gardner

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 Deputy Chief Place

Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon

So voted

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer McLeory delivered the Treasurers report, bringing several line items to the district board's attention.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Deputy Chief Place

Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon

So voted

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Deputy Chief Place made the chiefs report due to chief barbers absence,

All the district trucks have now been inspected and brought up to the state standards, new tires on engine 613, new springs on engine 612.

The new truck committee continues to work on the process for the new engine.

We are experiencing some ice and water problems in the foyer of the main station.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUDIT UPDATE / CORRESPONDENCE FROM RI AUDITOR GENERAL

Chairman Berke has tried numerous times to reach auditor Bob Civetti since the holiday seasons, on the 10th of this month a reply was sent explaining the lack of communication and the turmoil being experienced at his company. Then today a draft of the 2011 audit with several questions that need answering before it will be completed was sent to chairman Berke. We do not have the completed 2011 audit that was promised for November, the current fiscal year is coming to a close shortly, we need to complete an audit or an internal management report for 2012, 2013, and 2014 before we can start any action for fiscal year 2015.

Chairman Berke proposed a motion that we contact CPA Christie Armstrong to assist Treasurer McLeory complete an internal management report for fiscal 2012, and 2013 and he will start work on a contract for an audit of fiscal 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon

So voted

Chairman Berke received an email from the RI Auditor General on January 28th requesting information from the board about the district charter and fiscal audit requirements. Chairman Berke will respond to the email informing the auditor general that we are in compliance with our USDA loan, and will be conducting an audit annually without a charter change and will not be proceeding with a change to the charter.

STATION 61 SIGN

Chairman Berke proposed to contact Amy from finish line signs and have her come down on a Saturday when a few of the board members can be there to get a better idea of how the sign on the building will look and any new ideas we may have.

NEW BUSINESS:

LEGISLATION AFFECTING FIRE DISTRICTS

February 5th three RI State Representatives introduced three bills that apply to fire districts that are meant to insure their fiscal stability, they proposed a number of rules that the Chairman highlighted in the meeting and he stated that he thinks it is bad legislation in response to the Coventry situation and is over the top. There looks like there will be a lot of opposition and the Chairman believes we should oppose them too

Budget workshop scheduled for Monday March 9th at 7:00 pm

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Deputy Chief Place

Seconded Vice Chairman Kenyon

So voted 7:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Santagata

District Clerk