

RICHMOND-CAROLINA FIRE DISTRICT

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Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday January 21, 2016
7:00 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Berke called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Berke, Vice Chairman Kenyon, Chief Barber, Deputy Chief Place, Treasurer McLeroy, Tax Collector Monty

- Absent Deputy Chief Gardner -

COMMUNICATIONS:

Two letters were received one from MTM Development, advising the department of several new addresses; and the other from the Millar Family, thanking the department for their support of an injured family member.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING:

Motion to approve the minutes made by Vice Chairman Kenyon

Seconded by Deputy Chief Place

So voted

APPROVAL TO PAY REGULAR INVOICES AS REVIEWED BY INTERNAL AUDITORS:

Motion to pay the invoices made by Vice Chairman Kenyon

Seconded by Chief Barber

So voted

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax Collector Monty delivered the Tax Collector's report, to the district board. Discussion followed.

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

Seconded by Deputy Chief Place

So voted

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer McLeroy delivered the Treasurer's report, to the district board; bringing several line items to the board's attention. Discussion followed.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Chief Barber

Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon

So voted

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The other night we had a structure fire, the home was just over 5000 square feet. The cause is still under investigation by the fire marshal's office. We had one firefighter injury; he tore a tendon and will have a 3 month recovery. Several surrounding departments came to help.

We ended up putting a fire watch on over the night to watch for rekindle. There was one rekindle on the back side which was handled by that crew without any incident.

While putting the trucks back in service one of the engines had a leak in the fuel tank, we were able to catch the leak before any environmental hazard.

CHIEF'S REPORT CONTINUED

A second engine went up to Minute Man for a recall on the ball joint assembly, only to find out that we were alright, we need to bring the truck back up after 5000 miles for a follow up check.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. UPDATE ON SMEAL PUMPER PURCHASE

The Chief stated the process is going forward, the financing is all approved. It has been reviewed by our lawyer. The cab and chaise will hopefully be produced sometime in March.

2. AUDITOR GENERAL'S REQUIREMENT FOR AUDIT EXTENSION REQUEST

The Chairman received an email from the auditor general stating we need to request an extension for our audit if it will not be completed by December 2015. The Chairman contacted the auditor and drafted a letter, stating we had not given the auditor all the information he needed to begin the audit, due to the length of time it took to complete the information. The Chairman, Treasurer, and Auditor will sign the letter and it will be sent to the Auditor General. Our auditor projects that the final audit will be delivered by the end of March.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AUTHORIZATION OF FINANCING OF ACQUISITION OF 20 FULL SETS OF SCBA PACKS AND SPARE BOTTLES

Several months ago we discussed the dilemma we are in, regarding our SCBA packs no longer meeting the NFPA codes. For the past two years we applied for the US Fire Administration Grant to buy the SCBA packs. We have not received the grant. We were able to work with the financing company that we are working with for the new truck, to purchase the sets of SCBA packs we need.

Motion to authorize the purchase of the 20 SCOTT Air Packs and masks with 40 bottles, with the financing of \$134,995.00 after a down payment of \$15,000.00, for a total purchase of \$149,995.00, made by Vice Chairman Kenyon

Seconded by Deputy Chief Place

So Voted

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. A discussion was had to keep the old packs and bottles we need for training and possibly donate the remainder of the bottles to the DMAT with the condition that they cannot be used for firefighting use.
2. Boudier Hills has acquired some more land that abuts theirs and they are looking to put up a hotel/banquet facility, which will possibly pose a greater demand on services.
3. The development plan off West Shannock has been changed to multifamily affordable housing.
4. The chairman stated we would like to recognize and congratulate our tax collector on her new promotion to tax assessor of the town of Hopkinton, and she is still planning to stay with us.
5. The Chairman thought it appropriate to send a letter to the South Kingstown Fire department, signed by the Chief and himself; for their help in sending manpower to our fire after the fire was under control to help pick up hose.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Deputy Chief Place

Seconded by Vice Chairman Kenyon

So voted 8:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Santagata

District Clerk