

**Nasonville Fire District  
2577 Victory Highway  
Nasonville, Rhode Island 02830**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2015**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairperson Janet Raymond called the operating committee meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Members present:** Board Members: Janet Raymond (Chairperson), Michael Pichie, Gerry Lapierre, Bettie Hatzell and Paul Wright. Others: Christine Chretien (District Clerk), Rick Reilly (Rescue Captain), John Mainville (Tax Collector) (7:06 PM), Ron Lapierre (Treasurer) (7:29 PM). Absent: Michael Gingell (Interim Chief), Bob Allard (due to illness), Jenn Zuba.

**Opening Statement**

To the best of our ability we are conducting this meeting in a truthful and proper manner for the residents of the Nasonville Fire District.

**2. For the good and welfare of the district.**

- Rick Reilly brought up a decision that was made by the Operating Committee at the February 2015 monthly meeting regarding payment of bills for recertification. He also discussed a Technical Service Support Agreement from Physio Control that needed to be acted on in a timely manner. Chairperson indicated that there would be further discussion about these topics under item #7 of the agenda, Consider, review, and approve Bills & Receipts.

**3. Receive Tax Collector's Report**

John Mainville presented the Tax Collector's report and indicated that activity is slowing down. The town will be starting the tax sale and Nasonville is the only district that has their tax sale at the same time. Tax collections for February were \$16,385.40. Net Activity for the month of \$16,385.40. Total deposits for the month were \$16,385.40 resulting in Net Collections YTD of \$292,445.33. Total percentage collected YTD is 80.9%. Tax collector provided an update regarding Ocean State Power and trying mediation during the next few months. If mediation does not work, the case should go to court in October 2015. Bettie Hatzell made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report and the motion was seconded by Gerry Lapierre. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

**4. Receive Chief's Report**

Due to the Chief's absence, the presentation of the report was tabled until next month.

**5. Receive Fire Marshal Report**

Due to the Fire Marshal and the Chief's absence, the presentation of the report was tabled until next month.

**6. Approve minutes from the previous month's meeting**

The minutes from the February 2015 monthly district meeting were submitted for review. A correction to one word will be made by the Clerk. A motion to accept these minutes was made by Michael Pichie and seconded by Bettie Hatzell. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

**9. Old Business**

- a. Third Party Billing – Janet Raymond. Total charges for the month were \$18,692.40 and total payments were \$2,914.20.
- b. Hiring Committee Update - Gerry Lapierre. Gerry indicated that there were three candidates to be interviewed for per diem positions. He received ten applications for the Chief's position and eight had been interviewed. The final two would be interviewed on March 14, 2015. The Hiring Committee would then make a recommendation of three final candidates to be interviewed by the Operating Committee on March 30, 2015 at 6:00 PM.
- c. Building Maintenance – Gerry Lapierre. Gerry let the committee know that he had purchased a portable 7500 watt generator for \$1,325 from Norfolk Power on Route 102. Purchase price included a 2 year warranty.
- d. Bid for Third Party Receivables – tabled until the next monthly meeting.

**7. Consider, review, and approve Bills & Receipts**

There was a discussion regarding the reimbursement by the district for certification for department personnel, in particular, a bill that was paid in January 2015 that was part of the December 2014 bill review. A motion was made by Michael Pichie that

the district pay for the cost of recertification for active volunteers only, that the bill for recertification submitted in the monthly bill for a non-volunteer not be paid and that the district recover the funds submitted in error for recertification payment in January 2015. Gerry Lapierre seconded the motion. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed. Gerry Lapierre also asked questions in regards to the attorney's bill. He made a motion to put a hold on any attorney activity. No one seconded the motion and there was no vote. A motion was made by Paul Wright to approve and pay the remainder of the bills. Motion was seconded by Michael Pichie. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

### **8. Receive the Treasurer's Report**

Ron Lapierre presented the Treasurer's report. Ron also indicated Bank of America requested that the old EIN number be verified before the processing of the fee refund could be completed. Ron indicated that the payroll reports had been updated and that hours worked are being tracked and the new payroll code discussed at the last meeting had been created. Ron indicated that after the legal bill submitted for payment was paid, the budget for legal expenses would be exceeded. He will leave the line item as is so the committee can see how much over budget each month. A question was asked in regards to insurance coverage for anyone that works at Wright's Farm that is outside of our District. Janet Raymond with check on it and get back to the committee. Michael Pichie made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Gerry Lapierre seconded the motion. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

### **10. New Business**

#### **Discussion regarding new legislation being considered by RI Legislature: H5343, H5344, H5345**

Committee discussed implications of legislature being considered by lawmakers. Legislature is meeting on March 11, 2015. A motion was made by Michael Pichie that a letter be drafted on behalf of the district voicing concerns regarding legislature. Bettie Hatzell seconded the motion. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

### **11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Bettie Hatzell made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 PM and Gerry Lapierre seconded the motion. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Chretien  
District Clerk