

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

Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2016

1. Call to Order:

Vice Chairperson Bettie Hatzell called the Operating Committee meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Members present: Board Members: Bettie Hatzell (Vice Chairperson), Bob Allard, Gerry Lapierre, Norm Dalpe and Paul Wright.

Others: Christine Chretien (District Clerk), Robert Howe (Chief), John Mainville (Tax Collector), Ron Lapierre (Treasurer).

Absent: Jenn Zuba (vacation), Janet Raymond, Chip Mainville (Fire Marshal, illness).

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.

- Bob Allard told the Operating Committee that Fred Scungio indicated that the air condition unit needed to be moved in order for it to function properly. Chief Howe asked that Bob contact Mr. Scungio and ask that he contact the Chief directly to discuss.

3. Roll call vote to go into executive session

- a. 42-46-4, 42-46-5 (a)(1), 42-46-5 (a)(2)

A motion was made by Bob Allard to go into executive session based on RI General Law 42-46-4, 42-46-5 (a)(1) and 42-4-5 (a)(2). Paul Wright seconded the motion. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed. Executive session began at 7:15 PM and ended at 7:43 PM. A vote was taken during executive session. Voting results: two ayes, three nays.

4. Roll Call Vote to Seal Executive Session Minutes.

Pursuant to Open Meetings Act Chapter 46, Section 42-46-7(c), Gerry Lapierre made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Bob Allard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Open Session reconvened at 7:51 PM.

6. Receive Chief's Report

Chief Howe requested that he be allowed to present his monthly report for December as well as the Fire Marshal's report early due to a meeting he needed to attend at another district. A question was asked about a firefighter being injured while on duty. The Chief confirmed that a firefighter had been injured on duty on December 27, 2015 and he did not have an estimated time of return to duty for the individual. Bob Allard made a motion to accept the Chief's report and the motion was seconded by Gerry Lapierre. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

7. Receive Fire Marshal's Report

The Fire Marshal's report for the month of December was presented by Chief Howe due to the Fire Marshal's absence. There were no questions asked by the Operating Committee. Paul Wright made a motion to accept the Fire Marshal's report. The motion was seconded by Gerry Lapierre. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

5. Receive Tax Collector's Report

John Mainville presented the Tax Collector's report. Tax collections for December were \$99,391.63. Taxes in Arrears collected to date are \$4,746.38. January Deposits YTD are \$77,530.61. Total Collections through December are \$107,563.34. Total Deposits through including January are \$185,093.95. Tax Collector also noted that there were no redemptions. The appeal from National Grid is still outstanding and the paperwork to settle Ocean State Power is being signed. Paul Wright

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.

8. Approve minutes from the previous month's meeting

The minutes from the December 2015 monthly district meeting were submitted for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gerry Lapierre and seconded by Bob Allard. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

9. Consider, review, and approve Bills & Receipts

Bills were reviewed by the Operating Committee and there were no questions. A motion to pay the bills was made by Bob Allard and seconded by Gerry Lapierre. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

10. Receive the Treasurer's Report

Ron Lapierre presented the Treasurer's report. There was a question regarding the number of hours being worked by the Fire Marshal. Bob Allard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Paul Wright seconded the motion. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

11. Old Business

- a. **Third Party Billing Update** – Bettie Hatzell indicated that she will be handling the update each month. She will be making a recommendation that Dawson be replaced due to poor service.
- b. **Hiring Committee Update** – Gerry Lapierre had nothing new to report. He indicated that he felt the Chief should have the discretion to add a qualified individual that works in another department to the roster without approval from the Hiring Committee.
- c. **Building Maintenance** – Gerry Lapierre had nothing to report.
- d. **Bid For Third Party Receivables** – Addressed as part of item a above.
- e. **Fire Marshal's Report for November 2015** – Tabled until Fire Marshal is present at meeting.
- f. **Taxpayer Issue** – Operating Committee discussed the issue brought forth by Mr. Michael Durvin during the Good and Welfare of the District discussion at the December 2015 monthly meeting. After discussing the matter, a motion was made by Gerry Lapierre not to waive the fees/penalties as requested by Mr. Durvin. The motion was seconded by Bob Allard. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

12. New Business

There were no items to discuss.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Gerry Lapierre made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 PM and Bob Allard seconded the motion. All members approved the motion and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Chretien
District Clerk