

At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, holden within and for the Fire District on Thursday November 14, 2013 at the fire station on 3502 Mendon Road at 7:00PM, the following were present:

Ronald Champagne, Chairman

Arthur Colwell

Robert Ballarino

Donna Aguilera

Scott DiChristofero

- Chief's Report received and filed.**
- Tax Collector's report received and filed**
- Financial statement received and filed**
- Commissioner's report received and filed**

On a motion to pay bills by Donna Aguilera and Arthur Colwell, it was so voted.

On a motion to accept last month minutes by Robert Ballarino and Arthur Colwell, it was so voted.

COMMUNICATIONS: The department received a letter from the Attorney General informing the district of the new state law that requires fire districts to file the monthly district minutes (official or un-official) with the secretary of the state's office within 21 days after or 7 days before the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The Merger Committee: Arthur Colwell reported that Marsha Green of the Valley Breeze will be doing a history of each of

the four fire districts. Arthur reported that he would be referring her to Ron Dubois the department's historian as well as Arthur Angell who has much knowledge.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the firefighters has been signed which will expire June 30, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS: All the commissioners and the Chief reviewed the proposed new annual budget.

Scott DiChristofero questioned the actual salaries plus the firefighters increase of 2% starting November 1, 2013 for 6 months and another increase 6 months later. He said that would be \$100,000.00 more than needed to propose for the new budget. The Chief and Chairman explained that they needed to budget for some overtime, sickness or if someone was hurt in the next year. This year we were lucky and didn't have much overtime or sickness but you always have to figure on it happening so the money is there if needed.

There was a motion to propose this new budget at the annual meeting by Scott DiChristofero and seconded by Robert Ballarino, it was so voted.

The Chairman stated that there would be a bylaw change brought up at the annual meeting as well. It would change next year's annual meeting to October 27, 2014.

Motion for a closed executive session under 42-46-4 & 42-46-5 (a)(2) at 7:55PM by Arthur Colwell and seconded by Donna Aguilera, Scott

DiChristofero & Robert Ballarino,

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Colwell-yes

Donna Aguilera-yes

Scott DiChristofero-yes

Robert Ballarino-yes

Ronald Champagne-yes

At 8:10PM the commissioners return from the executive session.

Motion to seal the minutes of the executive session by Donna Aguilera and seconded by Robert Ballarino, Scott DeChristofero, Chairman Champagne & Arthur Colwell, it was so voted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Colwell-yes

Donna Aguilera-yes

Scott DiChristofero-yes

Robert Ballarino-yes

Ronald Champagne-yes

Motion to adjourn at 8:11PM by Scott DiChristofero, Arthur Colwell and Donna Aguilera, it was so voted.

Diane Lemire

District Clerk