

WATCH HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes January 8, 2015

The January 8, 2015 Board of Engineers meeting was held at 18:02 with the following members present: Chief Robert Peacock, Deputy Chief Jason Simmons, John Regan and Andrew Barber. Assistant Chief Scott Harold was not present.

Review and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (12/11/2014)

The minutes of the previous meetings were unanimously approved.

Approval and Review of Expenses of Pending and Paid Expenses

The expenses were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Chief Peacock reported that the status of the repairs and painting of the newly purchased used pumper remain behind schedule. He will provide further information as needed.
- Chief Peacock reported that the information requested under the Freedom of Information Act had been sent. The requesting party requested clarifying material for some questions which was supplied via e-mail.

New Business

- The Board unanimously approved the Board of Engineers meeting dates for the calendar year of 2015.
- The Board approved the sale and disposition of the current Engine 103 for a price of \$2,000. Chief Peacock recused himself from the vote on this matter.
- Chief Peacock provided information on the Town of Westerly's address compliance project. A letter will be sent to all residents as part of the Annual District mailing indicating the importance of properly identifying addresses.
- Chief Peacock provided information on the Westerly Alert Dispatch system and how to sign up for it. A letter will be sent to all residents as part of the Annual District mailing recommending that residents utilize this program.
- Mr. Barber reported that little progress had made with representatives from the Ocean House for recruitment and retention incentives.
- Chief Peacock reported on the status of the Bay Street construction and pole removal project. Century Electric has been awarded the contract for street light and fire alarm wire removal. The fire alarm wires will be the last wires to be removed and relocated.
- Chief Peacock proposed the idea of a monthly e-mail to all District Council members highlighting the various aspects and further information about the fire department.

- Board discussed the Attorney General's interpretation of Open Meeting Laws and how they apply to the Watch Hill Hose and Engine Company #1.
- Board had a lengthy discussion on the subject of the various methods and agreements that could be used to address the current staffing and response issues in the district. Due to the complex nature of such methods and agreements that further discussion should be tabled and added to the next meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 19:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason S. Simmons
Deputy Chief