



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes May 12, 2015

Present: President Alan Ackley, Vice President Ronald Yuhas, Directors Randy Ackley, David King, Ron Johnson, Barry Adcock, Clerk Susan Aguiar, Treasurer Thomas Santacroce, Chief Joseph Winski, Deputy Chief Tim Driscoll, Administrative Assistant Jamie Muhlack, Office Clerk Wanda Morales also present was District Counsel Michael Satti

Absent: N/A

At 7: 06 p.m. President Ackley announced the call to order with the time, date and place.

President Ackley welcomed all voters, led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance, and served as the moderator. President Ackley stated the purpose of this annual meeting was to consider a proposed budget for 2015-2016, authorize the Board to set a tax rate and select new Directors and Officers.

President Ackley proceeded to accept nominations for the 3 Directors positions from the floor. The Following persons were nominated: Ken Richards, Susan Aguiar, and Ron Yuhas. All nominations were seconded. Seeing no more nominations were made, President Ackley closed nominations and conferred with Attorney Satti, as there were only 3 nominations made and 3 open Board positions a hand vote was made and passed with no opposition.

President Ackley introduced the Districts new Counsel Attorney Michael Satti. He then introduced Chief Winski and invited him to comment. Chief Winski welcomed everyone and explained how the proposed budget was arrived at with little change to the current mill rate. He then thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak and if he can ever be of any assistance or if there are any questions to come see him at any time.

President Ackley moved onto the next item on agenda which was to appropriate the proposed budget of \$4,627,324.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016. A MOTION was made to appropriate the sum of \$4,627,324.00: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED. President Ackley opened the floor for comments; Nancy Beckwith noted that the proposed budget included \$75,000.00 for the reserve fund and asked what the current balance was in the fund now. Chief Winski stated that the current balance was \$546,678.00. President Ackley proceeded onto appointing the tellers. Wanda Morales, Jamie Muhlack and Susan Aguiar to serve as tellers. Then directed the passing out of paper ballot. Voting commenced, once all ballots were picked up balloting was closed. While the votes were being counted, There was some discussion as to why the voter had to put name and address onto the ballot, to which Attorney Satti explained that all votes are confidential but it was to have a record of how many votes were in favor and how many opposed to the budget and that appointment of directors is different than approval of the budget. President Ackley received the final tally of votes, Proposed Budget of \$4,627,324.00 for FY 2015-2016 passed 51-Yes, 6-No, 1-Not Counted, 1-Abstention

Nominations for the Office of President were open to the floor. Alan Ackley, Ken Richards, and Ron Yuhas, were nominated for the Office of President. MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to close nominations. A hand vote was taken for President, Ken Richards-19, Alan Ackley-18, Ron Yuhas-12. Ken Richards is appointed President.

Nominations for the Office of Vice President were open to the floor. Alan Ackley, and Ron Yuhas were nominated for the Office of Vice President. MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to close nominations. A hand vote was taken for Vice President, Alan Ackley-20, Ron Yuhas-31. Ron Yuhas is appointed Vice President

Nominations for the Office of Clerk were open to the floor. Susan Aguiar was nominated for the Office of Clerk. MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to close nominations.

Nominations for the Office of Treasurer were open to the floor. Thomas Santacrocce was nominated for the Office of Treasurer. MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to close nominations.

Next item on Agenda was a Motion to authorize the Fire District Board of Directors to levy a tax on the Fire District Grand List last completed to become due and payable on July 1, 2015 to cover the appropriations approved at this meeting. Nancy Beckwith made a Motion to authorize the Fire District Board of Directors to levy a tax on the Fire District Grand List last completed to become due and payable on July 1, 2015 to cover the appropriations approved at this meeting. Helen Rush seconded the motion. The vote was then taken and approved by a voice vote.

MOTION: Nancy Beckwith moved and Randy Ackley seconded to authorize the Fire District Board of Directors to apply funds from the unencumbered balances in the 2014-2015 budgets. The vote was then taken and approved by a voice vote.

MOTION: James Koop moved and Nancy Beckwith seconded. to authorize the Treasurer to take temporary loans if required and in such amounts as may be determined to be necessary by the Fire District Board of Directors. The vote was then taken and approved by a voice vote.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to authorize the Fire District Board of Directors to fill all vacancies. A vote was then taken and approved by a voice vote.

MOTION: At 8:05 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Aguiar, Clerk
Poquonnock Bridge Fire District