

POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024

Present: President Ron Yuhas, Vice President Kevin Marquardt, Al Luther, Jon Luther, Randy Ackley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Aguiar, Chief Rheaume, Acting Deputy Chief Lowell and District Administrator Mary Santos

Absent: Members Gale Goode and Ron Johnson

At 6:12 p.m. President Ron Yuhas announced the call to order with the time, date and place. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. A moment of silence and a pledge to the flag followed.

Remarks from Visitors:

n/a

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the meeting minutes of March 14, 2024.

Reports and Communications:

Chief Rheaume's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record. Acting Deputy Chief Lowell's report was submitted and accepted for the record. Fire Marshal Bednarz's report was accepted for the record.

Old Business

n/a

New Business

- a. Treasury Bond: March 21, 2024 the Treasury Bond matured. After discussing rolling over the bond, it was agreed for Mary Santos to get more information from Trinity Point on going with another Treasury Bond or a CD.
- b. Administrative Salaries: A motion was made by Susan Aguiar to go into Executive Session at 6:32 pm to discuss Administrative Salaries. The meeting was resumed at 6:46 pm and no votes were taken. Randy Ackley made a motion and Jon Luther seconded it to give Wanda Morales an annual salary of \$61,000 as the Assistant District Administrator and Michael Lowell an annual salary as Deputy Fire Chief of \$112,000. The motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote.

- c. Approve FYE 2025 Budget: A motion was made by Susan Aguiar and seconded by Jon Luther to approved the FYE 2025 Budget to go to the annual meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Fire Inspector Position: A motion was made by Susan Aguiar to go into Executive Session at 6:50 pm to discuss the Fire Inspector Position. The meeting was resumed at 7:05 pm and no votes were taken. Susan Aguiar made a motion and Randy Ackley seconded it to proceed with hiring the Fire Inspector.

Good of the Department

N/A

Executive Session

- 1. 6:32 pm to 6:46 pm
- 2. 6:50 pm to 7:05 pm

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Susan Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for March 2024 in the amount of \$73,538.49 were accepted.

MOTION: At 7:12 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn. The Annual Meeting will be held on May 8, 2024 and the next regular meeting will be held on May 9, 2024.

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