



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes January 11, 2024

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

Absent: Directors Al Luther and Ron Johnson

At 6:08 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:

No quorum for December 14, 2023 Meeting

Reports and Communications:

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

Old Business

- a. Fire Alarm System Update: Certified letters were sent out on December 28, 2023. All businesses responded expect for 2 (Girard & Movie Theatre). If no one responds within 30 days the Chief will send someone out in person. There are 9 buildings left to come off the system. PBFD needs to come off the system as well and we will need to pay for monitoring. The cost will be approximately \$450 to upgrade the current system and \$45 per month for monitoring.
- b. Union Negotiations: The first meeting will be on January 23, 2024 at 4pm with the union and the District Members to start negotiations.

New Business

- a. Apparatus Repairs: Chief's car needed new brakes, tires and an oil change. The Fire Alarm Truck has been given an estimate of 3-5k by Cook's to make the repairs. The District can sell boxes and wire to offset the costs. The Chief would like an open house to sell the boxes. The Chief has a contact that will help us out in an emergency until the Fire Alarm Truck is repaired.

- b. Fire Inspector Applicants: We have received 7 applicants and 4 out of the 7 meet the job requirements. Chief Rheume will move forward with setting up the interviews by the end of January, 2024.

Good of the Department

N/A

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Susan Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for December 2023 in the amount of \$135,085.21 were accepted.

MOTION: At 6:41 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on February 8, 2024.

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