



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 13, 2015

Present: President Ken Richards, Vice President Ronald Yuhas, Directors Alan Ackley, Randy Ackley, David King, Ron Johnson, Thomas Santacroce, Clerk Susan Aguiar, Chief Joseph Winski, Jamie Muhlack, Captain Ducette

Absent: Barry Adcock, Deputy Chief Tim Driscoll

At 7:07 p.m. President Richards 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 – John Scott address unknown stated that he was the president of Bailey Agency and claimed that he never received a proper chance to quote policy for District. He also said he was filing a FOI on the basis that there was an illegal meeting of the board that resulted in his agency losing the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District's insurance package policy.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 9, 2015. (7-0),

Reports and Communications: –

Chief Winski presented his report which was accepted for the record.

Chief Winski presented Deputy Chiefs reports for both June and July and both were accepted for the record.

Fire Marshalls Report was accepted for the record

Old Business –

Susan Aguiar reviewed the new insurance carriers coverage's compared to the old general liability package policy and stated that the premium was cheaper than the past policy and the coverage's were the same, with the new company having more programs and benefits that are tailored for Fire Departments. Susan also went over a quick timeline of events since starting the quote process back on February 5, 2015 just to clarify how we came to choosing Reardon Insurance. Alan Ackley made a motion to approve Reardon Insurance Agency as the Districts new Insurance Agent and VSIF as the new Insurance Carrier. Randy Ackley Seconded the motion. Motion passed (7-0)

.New Business –

President Richards gave Councilman Rich Moravsik the floor to make a presentation for a plan to establish an emergency Medical service division within the fire district in the Town of Groton. Mr. Moravsik offered different options for how the Emergency services could be handled and the purpose of this is to seek improvement in services. Councilman Moravsik asked the board for approval for the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District to give permission to the PBFD to set up an EMS Division that would handle all the requirements for the local emergency services plan. After the completed presentation and discussion. Alan Ackley made a motion to move that the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District under the administration of its Directors begin to formulate an emergency Medical Response Plan including Ambulance support for the Town of Groton. All monies collected by this service that exceed operational costs will go toward reducing the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District mil rate. This will be a completely separate entity within the District and no funds generated from this service will be intermingled with the Fire Budget. The Term of this endeavor will last two years from its inception. After this initial period either the Town Council or the Directors of the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District may choose to continue or cease its operation. Ron Johnson Seconded the Motion. Motion passed (7-0)

Ron Yuhas asked Chief Winski about the status of the OPEB fund. Chief Winski stated that Deputy Chief Driscoll is working on setting up fund and working with our Actuary. Ron Yuhas requested that the district auditor come to a meeting and also if the Chief could have the fireman come as well so the auditor can explain the unfunded liabilities that the district has as we will be going into negotiations in six months and all parties will have a better understanding of the districts long term outlook and problems. Jamie Muhlack stated that she would feel better if we had the Actuary come and assist with the study. President Richards stated that he had Deputy Chief Driscoll contact the Actuary that has worked with the Town already and he has setup a meeting for Ron Yuhas and Ken Richards.

Good of the Department -

Ron Yuhas stated that he has sold more of the equipment from the old firehouse and gave Jamie a check for \$1000.00.

Chief Winski stated New England Fire has a possible buyer for Engine 31 in Florida.

Randy Ackley asked if we have found a storage space for the Antique Fire Truck. Chief Winski will work on that.

President Richards said how impressed he is with the moral of the firefighters and how clean and well maintained they are keeping the station. And he wanted to thank the firefighters for taking the steps to actually be proud of their department and helping the district cut cost by doing things that they don't necessarily have to.

Presentation and payment of bills – President Ken Richards announced that the bills to be paid for July 2015 were \$537,220.06, bills accepted.

MOTION: At 8:15 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn.

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