



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 10, 2016

Present: President Ken Richards, Vice President Ron Yuhas, Directors Alan, Ackley, Randy Ackley, Ron, Johnson, David King, Clerk Susan Aguiar, Treasurer Tom Santacroce, Chief Joseph Winski, Deputy Chief Tim Driscoll

Absent: Barry Adcock, Jamie Muhlack

At 7:04 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 –

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the regular meeting minutes from February 10, 2016. (7-0).

Reports and Communications: –

Chief Winski presented his report for February and it was accepted for the record.

Deputy Chief Driscoll presented his report for February and it was accepted for the record.

Fire Marshalls Report accepted for the record

Old Business –

Deputy Chief Driscoll brought up the discussion of hearing protection that was brought up by a taxpayer a few meetings back and it has been brought to the attention of the departments. It has been added to the budget and he is looking into pricing them. So the fireman will have the hearing protection inside the vehicles to protect them from the siren.

Deputy Chief Driscoll is still working with the state to acquire Gater ATV to work the trails on Bluff Point as pickup and other vehicles can not get through trails if we need to respond to calls at Bluff Point. Chief Winski brought up the issue of the 911 call system because if a call is made from that area depending on where on Bluff Point the call is made it could be routed to either the New York, Rhode Island or Connecticut 911 system. Also they are working with the state on a new color/number system to note the trails which would help with any emergency calls for Bluff point.

Ron Yuhas brought up radio advertising program that the Chief brought to our attention. He met with local radio station to review. It is a free and would be a community service and positive press.

Alan Ackley made a motion to go into executive session regarding negotiations, Ron Johnson seconded motion, motion passed. President Richards invited Chief Winski and Deputy Chief Driscoll, into session at 7:32pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:41pm

New Business –

Ron Yuhas made a motion to accept the content of the agreement attached in Article VII Insurance, Article XIV Personal Leave and Appendix A, Salary and Compensation Schedules. After the approval by the fire district by majority vote an additional meeting will be scheduled between the IAFF Local #2704 and the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Districts negotiation committee to finalize the contract language. After the contact language has been completed, both the union and Fire District may forward this agreement to legal counsel for the review of the language of the contract. After the review is satisfactorily complete by both the union and Fire District the contact will be formally signed by both parties on an agreed upon date and time. Alan Ackley Seconded Motion, Motion passed 6-1

Budget workshop dates need to be set. Dates are as follows; April 4, 5, 11 & 12. Time will be 5:30pm -7:00pm at the Groton Senior Center.

Discussion regarding Truck #32 to be scheduled for a minor overhaul and repair at New England Fire. Repairs to cost \$15,500.00. Ron Johnson made a motion to authorize Chief Winski to schedule Engine #32 for a minor overhaul and repair at New England Fire Apparatus in North Haven, CT. Repairs shall be funded from the reserve account of the Fire District in the amount of no more than \$15,500.00. Motion Seconded by David King, motion passed 7-0

Good of the Department -

Susan Aguiar brought up the FOI ruling, the first part of the decision came back in the Districts favor. We are waiting for the 2nd decision.

Presentation and payment of bills – President Ken Richards announced that the bills to be paid for February 2016 were \$138,858.58, bills accepted.

MOTION: At 8:56 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn.

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