



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 8, 2014

Present: President Alan Ackley, Vice President Ronald Yuhas, Directors Randy Ackley, David King, Ron Johnson, Barry Adcock, Treasurer Thomas Santacrose, Clerk Susan Aguiar, Chief Joseph Winski, and Acting Deputy Chief Tim Driscoll

Absent: Administrative Assistant Jamie Muhlack

At 7: 00 p.m. President Ackley 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 – Karl Kiley spoke about status and closing of 13 Fort Hill Road Station

Joan Stienford asked about costs of lawyer's fees for past several years and will be asking for an FOI. Also talked about so many meetings and executive sessions.

The last speaker Mr. Stienford asked if there was an available position open on the board and asked about being a board member.

Reports and Communications: –

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

Old Business –

Ron Yuhas spoke about the status of the 13 Fort Hill Station and asked Acting Deputy Chief Tim Driscoll if there is anything new regarding a request to extend the lease 3 or 4 months through the winter weather. Deputy Chief Driscoll stated he has spoken to Dave Welsh and we have an extension until February 1st, 2015.

New Business –

The possible action on the lease of 2013 Smeal UT Aerial Quint was discussed and Chief Winski passed out information/handouts as to how the Quint would be a perfect fit for PBFD and to cover Truck 33, which was taken out of service the previous week. Along with lease purchase of the Quint, Smeal also put in a quote for a complete overhaul of Truck 33. After going over the information and different lease agreement options discussion of lease agreement.

Ron Yuhas made a Motion to appropriate the money \$200,000.00 down on a 10 year finance purchase agreement to purchase the 2013 Smeal UT Aerial Quint, for \$689,000.00, Ron Johnson seconded motion. Motion Passed (6-1)

Ron Yuhas made a Motion to add a line item for the overhaul and repair of Engine 33 for \$49,502.92 to next year's budget under repairs. It was MOVED, SECONDED and PASSED. (7-0)

Ron Yuhas made a Motion; it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to suspend the rules and move to Executive Session at 8:02pm. President Ackley invited Chief Winski into session.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:40 pm with President Ackley stating that no votes were taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session.

New Business (con't) –

Ron Yuhas made a Motion to appoint Tim Driscoll as Acting Deputy Chief, for up to 180 days, Barry Adcock Seconded, Passed unanimously (7-0)

President Ackley started the discussion regarding Chief Winski's swearing in Ceremony which is planned for January 15, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Senior Center in the large meeting room. Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher will be swearing in Chief Winski and invitations will be sent out to Chiefs in local departments along with the town council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the meeting minutes of December 11, 2014. (7-0),

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the special meeting minutes of December 22, 2014. (7-0),

Good of the Department - N/A

Presentation and payment of bills – Alan Ackley announced that the bills to be paid for December 2014 were \$116,802.88, bills accepted

MOTION: At 8:47 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn.

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