



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024

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

Absent: Board Members Al Luther

At 6:14 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:

Jason Cioci was in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the meeting minutes of August 8, 2024.

Reports and Communications:

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

Old Business

- a. Long Hill Firehouse Air Conditioning: Parker Home came in with a quote of \$17,500 after rebates. Did not include high voltage fee of possibly \$6,000 bringing it to possibly \$23,500. Duncklee Heating & Cooling quoted \$42,000 before rebates and did not include electrical fees or crane fees. RB Kent was not interested in quoting heat so only the A/C unit was quoted at \$49,900. Carrier quoted \$100,800 and would take care of the rebates bringing it down to \$64,000. Building Official Brennan looked at the Firehouse and will make a determination regarding the sidewalk. At the next board meeting, a final decision will be made.
- b. New Firefighting Hiring: The Board went into Executive Session at 7:02PM and resumed the meeting at 7:12PM. A motion was made by Susan Aguiar and seconded by Kevin Marquardt to allow Chief Rheume to give a conditional offer to the candidate selected for the Firefighter position. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Captain Promotion Update: Fire Chief Rheume recommended Jason Cioci for the Captain's position effective September 13, 2024. A motion was made by Susan Aguiar and seconded by Randy Ackley to promote Firefighter Cioci to Captain. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Liberty Bank: Mary Santos confirmed the district purchased 2 CD's with the bank. The final transition to move the rest of the funds from Chelsea Groton Bank to Liberty Bank is underway and she is hoping to close the Chelsea accounts in October. Mary will find out if she should be sending information to the State of Connecticut for unclaimed funds that remain for taxpayer refunds.
- e. Fire Alarm System: President Yuhas inquired about the movie theatre. Chief Rheaume did indicate people were working there. Ocean State Job Lot is moving out due to a lease issue.

New Business

N/A

Good of the Department

A donation was given to the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District by an out of town couple that was staying at the Hampton Inn in Groton. The letter stated they became trapped in the elevator and the firemen arrived quickly and freed them. The letter also stated the crew showed kindness and made their experience less terrifying.

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for August 2024 in the amount of \$103,366.59 were accepted.

MOTION: At 7:31 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on October 10, 2024.

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