**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

July 11, 2023

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, July 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Station One, Langworthy Road, Westerly, Rhode Island.

Attendees were comprised of OC members - Richard Thomsen, Bob Delaney, Paul Gencarella, Ken Martin, and Chief Kenyon.  A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Attorney Michael Cozzolino, Friends of the Quonochontaug Grange

Paul Gencarella, Moderator coordinated the meeting.

Actions of OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted).

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting started at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Previous Meeting Minutes – a Motion was made and seconded to approve and file the Minutes of June 13, 2023 Operating Committee Meeting and the May 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

FOTQG Report –  Ann Bettinger gave her report regarding rental updates; maintenance contracts, maintenance items.

Discussion regarding the shingling project. Ann felt it was necessary that there be two resolutions provided to the taxpayers at the Annual Meeting for them to vote on regarding which proposal they would like to see.

Treasurer’s Report – Bob Delaney gave the following report:

The expenses are tracking well against the budget and the rates are good.

CDs were opened at 5% interest rate for a 17 month period.

Pay outs were higher regarding payment of truck repairs due to the higher costs than anticipated.

*A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report.*

Tax Assessors/Collector’s Report – Rosalind Choquette, Tax Assessor

The office continued to prepare for the closing of the fiscal year on May 31, 2023. The results of the collection from June 1 to June 30 resulted in a collection of $2,442.59 total.

The office continues to answer phone calls, deal with bank inquiries and answer emails in a timely fashion.

Bob Delaney asked if DCFD had received any valuations from the contracting districts for tax purposes. Mary Rathbun indicated that they are being received.

Chief’s Report –

Due to technical issues with software he is unable to give his count at this time.

He noted that the kitchen project is moving along nicely. New stove has been installed.

Received ARPA Funds from Town of Westerly approximately $30,000.00

*A motion was made and seconded to approve all reports that were given.*

Resolutions: Fence work – done

Kitchen work – 65% completed

Landscaping – completed at grange.

Car 1 – on order, deposit has been given, delivery late summer

Truck 6 – vote done and approved.

Station 1 – kitchen work is being done, waiting for vendor for one bay door

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023 6:30 PM at Station One.

Budget: Chief went over the budget and reviewed new line items.

Went over the items that were increased.

The budget has increased from the previous year. The increase is roughly 2%.

It has been approved for recommendation to the taxpayers at the Annual Meeting.

Attorney Cozzolino is working on wording for the Bradford Fire District transfer of truck and equipment to DCFD with their attorney.

*Motion made, seconded and approved the 2023/2024 Budget for the Dunns Corners Fire District with a $5,000.00 buffer if required.*

Annual Meeting: The meeting date is Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00PM at Station One.

Confirmed that the Westerly Sun ad posted June 21, 2023 regarding nominations for the Operating Committee. This covered the By-law requirement.

Old Business –  NONE

Public Comments - NONE

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to go into Executive Session at 7:46 PM.*

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to seal the minutes and go back into Public Session at 8:15 PM.*

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:15 PM*

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk