

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Rd
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting August 15, 2017

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 6:45p.m. at Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of the OC members Bob Delaney, Ken Martin, Rich Thomsen, Matt Thomsen and J. Thomas. Interim Chief Keith Kenyon was excused. A quorum was present.

Additional Attendee(s): District Clerk Steve White, Deputy Chief Tom Algieri

Actions of the OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted):

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting started at 6:45pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next OC Meeting – The next OC meeting is scheduled to take place at Station #2 on Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 6:30p.

Full Time Firefighters Position – Tom Algieri on behalf of the Board of Engineers (BOE) reviewed the qualifications of a candidate recommended for the full-time fire fighter/fire marshal position subject to a background check and physical.

A motion was made seconded and so voted to ratify the BOE's decision.

Other Business

QCBFD Contract – T. Algieri inquired if the final contract has been executed. Moderator Thomsen responded that it had not, that the holdup was with him and that he would have the matter resolved by the end of the week.

Grange Liaison - R. Thomsen agreed to be the OC's liaison to the Friends of the Quonnie Grange group.

Bradford Industrial Park/Westerly Dispatch – J. Thomas asked for an update on the status of litigation pertaining to Bradford Industrial Park & Westerly Dispatch as well as the status of the dispatch contract. It was noted that while the District was initially granted relief from responding to BIP calls, BIP has appealed the decision and final resolution is pending appeal.

Additionally, the District and Dispatch disagree on the terms of the dispatch contract and that matter is still being debated.

It was noted that the Operating Committee will be extending an invitation to Westerly Dispatch to its October meeting to help resolve all outstanding matters.

W2 Reporting - K Martin inquired on the status of W2 reporting for incentive pay and stipends. It was noted that these payments are being handled as W2 income and that the Southern League will be asked at their September meeting to take the lead in getting the wording changed in the RI State labor law to exempt Fire Districts from the 3-hour minimum rule and from overtime pay for volunteers who receive stipends or incentive pay.

OC Meeting Schedule – J. Thomas noted that the members would like to see the Operating Committee schedule posted for the year. The clerk will provide a schedule for the Committee to review at its next meeting.

Correspondence – None

Public Comments: -

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Steve White - District Clerk