

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Rd
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting September 8, 2014

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Station #1. Subsequently, it was learned that the meeting was to take place at Station #2 and those who went to Station #2 came to Station #1. All of the resolutions of this meeting will have to be ratified at the next OC meeting.

Attendees were comprised of the OC members Matt Thomsen, Tom Algieri, Chief Mike Frink, Jon Schreier and Bob Delaney. Ken Martin and District Clerk Steve White were excused.

District Clerk pro tem: Matt Thomsen

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

Agenda Items:

Previous meeting minutes – Chief Frink pointed out that the amount of loan sought from Westerly Community Credit Union was for \$540,000, not \$520,000. The amount borrowed was \$520,000.

A motion made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 minutes, as modified.

Annual meeting minutes – *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept the Annual Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2014 as drafted.*

Next OC Meeting – The next OC meeting will take place at Station #2 on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Financial Statements – Only the July, 2014 District Financial Statements were available and they were accepted.

Selection of Moderator – *A motion made, seconded and so voted to appoint Matt Thomsen as Moderator for the 2014-2015 year.*

Appointment of Treasurer, Tax Collector and District Clerk – *A motion made, seconded and so voted to appoint Bob Delaney as Treasurer, Diane Nardone as Tax Collector and Steve White as District Clerk.*

Chief's Report – The Chief updated the committee on the following topics.

Administrative Assistant Training – Administrative Assistant Mary Rathbun will be out from September 22nd through September 26th for Firehouse Training.

Bradford Truck Sale – The truck the District was housing at Station 2 for the Bradford Fire District has been sold to the Watch Hill Fire District and should be gone in approximately one month.

New Officer – Nick Schilke

Wireless Alarm System – Quotes are being worked on.

New Rescue Pumper – The Department has taken delivery of the new Rescue Pumper and the members are currently being trained on the apparatus.

Call Volume – In July the Department responded to 72 calls 34-EMS and 38-Fire. In August the Department responded to 54 calls 20-EMS and 34-Fire.

CPR Classes – CPR classes will be conducted on 9/16 and 9/17.

MVA Billings – The District was reimbursed \$4,300.00 for responding to motor vehicle accidents.

ISO Rating – The District's ISO rating improved to 3/3Y from 4/4B due to improved training and equipment upgrades.

Equipment Purchases – The Chief informed the committee that he was going to bid the following on rescue equipment being made available from the Westerly Ambulance Corp; Boat \$7500-\$8500; Trench \$1,500-\$2,500; Ice Suits \$75; Spreaders \$1,500-\$2,000.

Fire District Contracts – The QCB Fire District is looking to begin new contract talks.

Dental Insurance – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island is offering a better and more affordable group program than the program currently being purchased for the Chief.

Boiler Inspection – The Station 1 Boiler has been inspected and needs the air tank in the back removed, safety controls to be installed on the boiler and the back room needs to be rearranged keeping the space in front of the electrical panel clear.

Shady Harbor Fire District – Members of the Shady Harbor Fire District attended the meeting to discuss the 2014-2015 contract amount and the new contract. Discussion ensued about the amount charged by DCFD this year under the current contract and what the amount should be.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to reduce the applicable mil rate in regard to the Shady Harbor Fire District contract from \$0.43 to \$0.40, upon approval of the Shady Harbor Fire District.

Bradford Fire District Equipment and Truck lease issues – The Chief advised the OC that the pick-up truck and brush truck have been sold by the Bradford Department and that the RI State Police did not find any criminal acts therein. BFD had set aside \$10,000 to pursue these sales and the proceeds of these sales. It is unknown what BFD will do. Discussion ensued regarding the promises of these pieces of equipment and how it impacts the DCFD contract with BFD.

A motion was made to request that \$5,000 be tendered by BFD to DCFD to cover usage and maintenance costs for our trucks being utilized instead of the trucks we had been promised by BFD's representatives. The motion failed lacking a second.

Westerly Ambulance Corps Discontinuation of Rescue Service – The Chief related to the OC regarding their determination to no longer provide rescue service. The Chief indicated that this action was anticipated, which is why DCFD now has equipment to handle auto accidents and the new truck is also so equipped. The Chief will be speaking with the other District Chiefs on how this service will be addressed. The Chief intends to purchase some of the equipment from Westerly Ambulance. The Chief anticipates spending \$10,000 to \$12,000. While the Chief is confident the money can be found in the current budget, all agreed the District taxpayers should approve any purchases at the next District meeting.

Bradford Industrial Park – The Chief told the OC that Ashaway FD did NOT accept BIP into the District nor contracted with them to provide fire protection. The issue of the Dispatcher contacting DCFD first in case of a call was discussed at length. It was determined that the Chief contact the State Fire Marshal and have him close down BIP and drain the sprinkler. Further, that the Chief and counsel pursue this issue with the dispatch service.

New Business – Pursuing a grant from the Town of Charlestown to upgrade the Grange was discussed.

Old Business – The Chief asked for input on hiring parameters for the new firefighter's position and was provided with some information.

Public Comments – Jim Angelo provided some information on fire inspection regulations and where the fees are to go. Some discussion took place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.