

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting April 18, 2011

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday April 18, 2011, at 7:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Dan Schilke, Ken Martin, Bob Delaney, Matt Thomsen and Chief Mike Frink. Jonathan Schreier was excused. A quorum was present. Additional attendees included District Clerk Steve White.

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

Agenda Items

Previous Meeting Minutes - *A motion was made seconded and so voted to approve the March 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes.*

Next Operating Committee Meeting - The next meeting of the Operating Committee is scheduled for Monday May 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Station 2.

Financial Statements - The committee reviewed and accepted the financial statements for March 2011.

A motion was made seconded and so voted to accept the March financial statements.

Tax Collections – The committee reviewed and modified the new “Fire Tax Information” pages to be posted to the district’s website. The pages provide information on the district’s tax collection procedures, payment options; provide a link for online payments, and details the district’s remedies for delinquent accounts.

Once the website payment link is running the district will post notices the following 2 Sundays in the local papers referring people to the district’s website site to check if their tax payments are delinquent, if so by how much, and provide information relating to the tax sale process for accounts delinquent 2 years or more..

Grange Building Maintenance and Repairs – Chief Frink reported that the poles holding up the overhangs and downspouts have been repaired which has mitigated much of the water runoff issues.

Chief’s Report – Chief Frink informed the committee that he along with other Rhode Island Fire Department Chiefs went to Washington DC and met with Rhode Island

Senators Reed and Whitehouse and Rhode Island Representatives Langevin and Cicilline. The topics discussed were:

- Fire and Safer Grants – These were cut from their fiscal year 2010 amounts of \$420 million to \$305 million dollars.
- National Fire Academy – The government is looking into cutting funding for the academy which would shut down many of the programs offered and reduce the readiness of responders.
- Nationwide Broadband Network – The group requested that the D block for wireless communications be set up to help departments across the country save money on data communications.
- RI Fire Academy – Requested that legislators fund the academy with air mark monies.
- Tax Credits for Volunteers – Requested that the volunteer tax credit be increased from \$360.00 to 600.00 per tax year.

Next meeting the Chief will discuss capital expenditures for the 2011/2012 budget and information pertaining to a retention incentive program for the 2012/2013 budget.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Steve White
District Clerk