**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

July 9, 2024

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Station 1, Langworthy Road, Westerly, Rhode Island.

Attendees were comprised of OC members – Robert Delaney, Ken Martin, Rich Thomsen, Chief Keith Kenyon, Dan Roy, and Paul Gencarella, A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Friends of the Quonocontaug Grange

 Attorney Michael Cozzolino

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 11, 2024 Operating Committee Meeting.

FOTQG Report –  Ann Bettinger gave the monthly report.

Continue to manage expenses closely

Maintaining active rental schedule

Lighting at the Grange is complete

Training and maintenance – Chief indicated in a couple weeks a Conex box is to be delivered

Internet transition – still on hold

Chair Lift – Chief states a tentative date of August 8th for arrival of the lift.

Upcoming Event – Breakfast for financial supporters Saturday, July 27th at 9:00 Am

Bob Delaney asked if waterline was working and Ann states that it is good

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

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

Income level is low for now but that will increase in the months to come

The budget has not been upload yet but should be shortly.

Dan Roy asked when income was added into the budget – Bob states tax revenue is recognized when billed.

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

Rosalind reported that the office has started preparation for the upcoming tax collection season.

Properties for Tax Sale Feb/March 2025 has 18 properties remaining from the original 39

Bob asked if these 18 properties are all collectible and Rosalind indicated that they are.

The office continues to answer all phone calls and emails in a timely manner.

Chief’s Report – for the month of June there were 25 fire calls and 10 EMS calls. There was a total of 290 training hours.

New mini splits have been installed and are working well.

Town of Westerly has all documents required for the ARPA fund release and District should see the funds very soon.

Redline will be deep cleaning all of the members turn out gear shortly. Dan asked when is clean out done, Chief stated it is done annually.

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

Annual Meeting – The Moderator asked if any new members were interested in a Operating Committee position and Chief indicated that Rich Thomsen and Bob Delaney are the only two candidates. Jeff Thomas has posted on the website.

Fiscal Budget (5/31/24/ - 5/31/25) – Chief covered the different items including apparatus, training fire fighter position.

Insurance and Dispatching invoices.

Bob Delaney asked about a $40.00 a month stipend for O.C. Members. This has been put in the budget as a separate line item

Dispatching fee is increasing 15% - Chief states that more dispatchers have been added to increase the service.

Website – Mary Rathbun and Ken Martin are going to review the website and give their opinion at the next meeting. Ken Martin as Department Representative will reach out to members for mission statement.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Wednesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM and then Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Old Business – NONE

Public Comments - NONE

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:20 PM*

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk