**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

June 11, 2024

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, June 11, 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, 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 May 14, 2024 Operating Committee Meeting.

FOTQG Report –  Ann Bettinger gave the monthly report.

Rentals – They continue to manage expenses closely and maintaining active rental schedule

Status of work being done:

Chair Lift status – on order and will be installed prior to July 27th

Electrical/Lighting – Rich asked what was wrong with goose neck lighting – he had put in a new wire and it should be working correctly

Camera – Roy asked why lights and camera taking so long – Chief states it has been rescheduled, the camera piece is now in and the Chief is meeting with someone else regarding the transmitter.

Long term plan – Roy has sent out proposals – WinDor is their recommendation, all proposals are comparable – windows won’t be installed until September. WinDor – total $9,225.00 with a 50% deposit of $4,612.50.

Furnace – there are three proposals for furnace – recommending Valley Heating and Cooling, not the lowest bid $9,020.00, but very efficient, worked with within the past.

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

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

Westerly ARPA funds still to come in. Will pay down $22,000.00 on loan once these funds come in.

There is one CD coming due end of the month.

New engine is on line for April of next year.

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

Rosalind reported that the office processed all payments received in May ending the fiscal year of 2023.

On March 12th copies of the properties that would be sent to tax sale which comprised of 39 properties. Of these 14 have been paid.

Total monies collected results in a collection rate of 100.75%.

Chief’s Report – for the month of May there were 30 fire calls and 5 EMS calls. There was a total of 400 training hours.

Computer has been repaired for security system, so all set for now.

AC was repaired

50/50 grant has been approved.

Still waiting for Westerly ARPA Funds.

State inspection was done and passed 100%.

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

Annual Meeting – The Moderator has sent an email to Ann Bettinger to get status of an ad that was sent to Westerly Sun. The Moderator will follow up with Ann regarding this matter.

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

Insurance and Dispatching invoices.

Website – Bob Delaney states mission statement needs to be updated, missing some apparatus pictures, ladies auxiliary needs to be removed, and there are personnel pictures missing.

Tax Lien Sale - Rosalind indicates February/March 2025 it will be done if there is anything left to tax sale.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Old Business – Budget has been passed out. Chief indicates biggest adjustment in hiring career fire fighter item. All administrative services have been consolidated.

Bob Delaney asked about a $40.00 a month stipend for O.C. Members. He reviewed what other districts are doing. Moderator agreed with Bob’s suggestion.

*Motion was made and seconded to include in the coming year’s budget a total line item of $2,280.00 to be paid to qualified O.C. Members who are participating in the monthly meeting. This is a rate of $40.00 per participant per month.*

Motor Vehicle Claims – Mary Rathbun has got list and will bring update next month.

Public Comments - NONE

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

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk