Dunn's Corners Fire District
1 Langworthy Rd
Westerly, RI 02891
Minutes
Operating Committee Meeting
November 18, 2013

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday November 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Matt Thomsen, Bob Delaney, Tom Algiere, Ken Martin, and Chief Mike Frink. Jonathan Schreier was excused.

Additional attendees: District Clerk Steve White

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

<u>Agenda Items</u>

Previous Meeting Minutes – *A motion was made seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting.*

Special Meeting Minutes – The committee reviewed the minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting.

Next Operating Committee Meeting - The next regular meeting of the Operating Committee is TBD.

Financial Statements – The Committee reviewed the financial statements through October 31, 2013. The Chief informed the committee that the matter pertaining to the actual book value of Truck 6 was resolved. The Treasurer informed the committee that there is still approximately $65,000 in current unpaid tax receivables outstanding which is slightly more that the same time last year.

Treasurer's Report –Treasurer Delaney reported that Bradford Fire District's income and expenses will be accounted for separately and that the CPA audit is about a week and half from being completed. Once the CPA audit is completed the Treasurer will shop around for the best rate for financing the new Engine. Additionally the Treasurer informed the committee that all outstanding tax sale issues have been resolved.

Chief's Report –

The Chief informed the committee that the Bradford Fire District Annual meeting went well; the budget was passed; the short term agreement with DCFD to provide fire protection services was approved.

Additionally, the Chief noted that there is still no resolution between the Bradford Fire District and the disbanded Bradford Fire Department over the ownership status of certain equipment, primarily the brush truck and pickup.

The Chief informed the committee that he had conversations with the Moderator of the Shelter Harbor Fire District(SHFD) and P. Charadio from the the Town of Westerly's Public Works Department on the importance of clearing brush on SHFD's roads in order to insure adequate access for fire and rescue apparatus.

Contracting District Negotiations – The Moderator stated that he has had a preliminary conversation with the Moderator of the SHFD and his initial general impression is that they are looking for a contract similar to that agreed to with the QCBFD. Negotiations with both the Shelter Harbor and Shady Harbor Fire Districts will be ongoing over the next several months.

Special Recognition – Committee member T. Algiere put forth a motion to commend and thank Moderator Matt Thomsen for all of his time and effort in developing and managing the short term lease agreement and process with the Bradford Fire District.

A motion was made seconded and so voted thanking Moderator Thomsen for his efforts and leadership in developing and managing the short term lease agreement and process with the Bradford Fire District.

Bradford Fire District – The committee discussed the next steps in developing a multiyear contract to provide fire protection services to the Bradford Fire District (BFD). Items that will need to be resolved include the completion of the equipment list; the matter of a future substation and how BFD will plan on addressing the matter; a review of BFD audited financial statements.

Committee member T. Algiere noted that he attended the November BFD meeting and said it was well organized and well run.

Public Comments

There was a public comment from district tax payer James Angelo inquiring to the actual cost incurred to lease of the BFD equipment. Moderator Thomsen informed the meeting attendees that the agreed to lease amount was $1.00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve White
District Clerk