

# **Dunn's Corners Fire District**

1 Langworthy Road

Westerly, RI 02891

**Minutes**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

**July 15, 2013**

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday July 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Matt Thomsen, Bob Delaney, Tom Algieri, Ken Martin, Jonathan Schreier and Chief Mike Frink. A quorum was present.

Additional attendees: There were no additional attendees. In the absence of District Clerk Steve White the Moderator kept the meeting minutes.

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 June 23, 2013 meeting minutes.*

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

**Annual Meeting Presentation** – The Committee reviewed the annual meeting presentation provided by the District Clerk.

**2013-2014 Budget** – The committee accepted the \$787,380.00 budget proposed by the Chief and Board of Engineers and will present it to the voters at the annual meeting for adoption

**Resolutions** – The Committee reviewed, discussed, edited and accepted the following Resolutions to be presented to the Tax payers at the 2013 Annual Meeting for adoption:

Purchase of New Engine 4 - Resolved that the District purchase a new pumper truck as described by the presentation and expend up to \$600,000 to purchase and equip said truck. Further Resolved to have the OC finance up to 90% of the purchase price of said truck and use up to \$60,000 of the restricted truck fund as a deposit.

2013-2014 Financial Plan and Operation Budget - Resolved that the financial plan and budget for financial year 2013-2014 be approved as presented.

Fire Hose Replacement - Resolved to use up to \$20,000 of the Equipment restricted fund to replace old hoses to meet NFPA 1962 Code requirements.

Seal Coating – Resolved to expend up to \$5,000 from the building restricted fund to seal coat station 1.

Station One Evaluation – Resolved to expend up to \$30,000 from the building restricted fund to move forward on improvements to Station.

Pay down on Station 2 Loan - Resolved to leave it to the OC's discretion to paydown up to \$15,000 on the principal owed on the Station 2 loan from the general fund.

Authority To Access Restricted Funds for Unanticipated Repairs - Resolved that the Operating Committee be given the authority to access the Restricted Truck Fund for up to \$10,000.00 to mitigate unanticipated truck repairs and the Restricted Equipment Fund for up to \$5,000.00 to mitigate unanticipated equipment repairs that may occur between Annual Meetings.

Ratification and Approval of Acts of Officers - Resolved that each and all of the resolutions, acts and proceedings of the District Officers, as shown by the records of the respective officers in carrying out and promoting the purposes, objects and interests of the Dunn's Corners Fire District, be and the same approved, ratified and hereby made the acts and deeds of the Dunn's Corners Fire District.

Authorization of Representation - Resolved that the moderator, or such person or persons as the Operating Committee or the Moderator shall designate, be and hereby are fully authorized and empowered to enter objections or legal actions on behalf of the Dunn's Corners Fire District in reference to any zoning matters, liquor licenses, legislative matters, or any other subject affecting the Dunn's Corners Fire District.

Tax Resolution - Resolved that the taxable inhabitants of said District qualified to vote on any proposition to impose tax, in District meeting legally assembled on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D., 2013, hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on the taxable inhabitants and property in the sum of not less than \$614,027 nor more than \$638,588. Said tax is for ordinary expenses of interest and charges, for the payment of interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said District and for other purposes authorized by law. The Assessor shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said District of the 31st day of December, 2012, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, according to law, and shall, on completion of said assessment, date, certify, and sign the same and deliver to and deposit the same in the office of the District Clerk on or before the 15th day of August, A.D. 2013. The District Clerk, on receipt of said assessment, shall forthwith make a copy of the same and deliver it to the District Treasurer, who shall forthwith issue and affix to said copy a warrant under his hand, directed to the Collector of Taxes of said District commanding him to proceed and collect said tax on the persons and estates liable therefore. Said tax shall be due and payable on and between the first day of September next and the 30th day of September, 2013, and all taxes remaining

unpaid on said 30th day of September, A.D. 2012, shall carry, until collected, a penalty at the rate of twelve per centum (12%) per annum upon such unpaid tax. A \$2.00 handling fee will be imposed on reissued tax bills sent for collection purposes. No tax bill sent out shall be less than five and 00/100 (5.00) dollars

*A motion was made seconded and so voted to approve the resolution as presented.*

Special Appropriation - Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to deposit in the Unrestricted General Fund Surplus the total of the unexpended appropriations as shown by the records of the Treasurer for the fiscal year 2012-2013, and all other monies collected during said fiscal year, but not otherwise appropriated. Provided, however, that prior to January 1, 2014, the Treasurer is authorized to use such portion of said sum of unexpended appropriations and other monies not otherwise appropriated as he or she deems necessary in anticipation of receipt of taxes assessed December 31, 2012.

Tax Anticipation Note - Resolved that the District Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered during the current fiscal year of the District, commencing June 1, 2013, and ending May 31, 2014, to borrow such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary for the payment of the current liabilities and expenses of the District, but not to exceed in the whole the sum of Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$50,000) Dollars and to issue negotiable promissory note or notes of the District therefore, which shall be made payable not later than one (1) year from the respective date or dates thereof. Negotiable notes issued pursuant to the authority hereof shall be signed by the District Treasurer and countersigned by the District Clerk, and such countersignatures shall be conclusive evidence to all holders of such note or notes of the approval and consent of the District and the District Officers to the loan or loans evidenced thereby. All terms and conditions of said note or notes and the method of sale thereof not fixed herein or by the provisions of law or the charter of the District may be fixed by the District Treasurer. The District Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to renew any of said notes from time to time, but any such renewal note shall be due not later than one (1) year of the original note so renewed.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted for Moderator Matt Thomsen,

Steve White  
District Clerk