**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

December 10, 2024

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Station One, Dunns Corners, Westerly, Rhode Island.

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

Other Attendees: Attorney Michael Cozzolino

Friends of Quonochontaug Grange

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 November 11, 2024 Operating Committee Meeting.

FOTQG Report – Ann Bettinger gave a monthly report.

Updates

* Continue to manage expenses closely
* Maintaining active rental schedule – Dan asked if there was a rent schedule, Ann indicated that its online
* Discussion relative to use of grange for election purposes
* Chimney Cap project is done
* Chief states there no upcoming training

Maintenance items

* Ann asked how will exterior winter maintenance be handled to support active rentals – Chief stated that he has someone who will salt, and early morning work will be handled inhouse
* Camera access to assist FOTQG in parking review during larger events

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

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

Financial statements came out and are available

Interest rate on truck loan is high (5.75%), would like to pay $20,000.00 down on loan.

Ernie Rathbun wanted to remind everyone about being short funds previously because of the last paydown.

A reply was given to Ernie Rathbun.

*Motion was made and seconded to pay down $20,000.00 on truck loan. Dan Roy voted against the Motion.*

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

The office has processed delinquent notices which were mailed out the beginning of December.

The office forwarded a list of properties for Tax Sale and has proceeded to work out schedule with attorney’s office regarding tax sale.

The office continues to answer phone calls, deal with bank inquiries and emails in a timely manner.

Chief’s Report – for the month of November there were 25 fire calls and 3 EMS calls for a total of 28 calls. There was a total of 198 training hours.

More pricing for replacing tanker is to be done.

There was emergency repairs on dispatch equipment, new equipment was installed as of today.

Bob Delaney asked about apparatus repair – Chief states that it is about all complete.

Bob Delaney that the NFP testing was listed high in the budget.

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

Website – Chief indicated that they are working on making it easier to access.

401K Ascensus Wording - Mary Rathbun stated Steve White is working on it and will follow up next month.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, January 14, 2025 meeting will be held at the Station One.

Old Business – Rosalind looked over all fees learned about the recent conference she attended.

Rosalind had a question about a survey that she receives from mortgage companies. She indicated she answers no to all fees.

Bob states a cost should be added on for the work Rosalind does for Tax Sale. Rosalind indicates she keeps this work separate.

Dan asked who pays for Rosalind’s fees, should it be divided between all parties not left to the end, Rosalind agrees.

Bob feels all taxpayers should not pay for Rosalind’s work only delinquencies should pay fee.

Next month Bob will have a proposed solution regarding fees. Dan Roy will also bring a proposed solution.

Public Comments - NONE

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn meeting and move to Executive Session at 7:13 PM.*

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to seal the Executive Session Minutes and return to Public Meeting at 7:40PM.*

*Motion was made and seconded to approve bonuses as presented during Executive Session.*

*Motion was made, second and approved to adjourn meeting at approximately 7:42PM.*

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk