

Warehouse Point Fire District
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2024
Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor
Time: 7 pm

Call to Order: 7 pm

Attendance: John Burnham, Austin Holden, Charlie Miller, Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford, Kevin Clynch

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Items: NA

Treasurer Report: Overall spending is on track for this fiscal year. Some lines remain higher, such as medical training, tax collection, and insurance, and the audit will be overspent. Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented John Burnham, Austin Holden second. All in favor

Clerks Report:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2-5-24 John Burnham, Austin Holden second. All in favor

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2-20-24 John Burnham. Austin Holden second. Charlie Miller Abstain, All in favor

Motion to approve and have the chairperson sign the check log, 2/5/24-3/4/24, John Burnham, Austin Holden second. All in favor

Chairperson's Report: NA

New Business:

Budget 2024-2025: Discussion of staff compensation, FM compensation. Discussion of increasing staffing to 24/7 coverage. The Fire Chief will provide detailed information for the district voters at the public hearing. Snow removal, last two years we have paid a flat rate with only a few snow events. We should go out to bid and ask for both a flat rate and a per-storm rate. We can send the RFP to local companies that provide snow removal services. Could we take of snow in house? What does that look like, would we need extra insurance? Could we use money from the fund balance to offset some costs to the taxpayers?

Discussion of what expense could be paid out of the fund balance. Motion to spend \$60,000.00 out of the fund balance to pay for the Chiefs SUV payment \$36,918.00, Knox Box upgrade \$8082.00, and firefighter gear \$15,000.00 Kevin Clynch, John Burnham second. All in favor

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget as presented to the commission John Burnham, Austin Holden second. All in favor

The public hearing will be set for April 9th at 7 pm

Old Business: NA

Fire Marshal Report: Motion to approve the Fire Marshal report as presented John Burnham, Austin Holden second. All in favor

Fire Chief's Report: 51 calls in February. The department participated in a presentation at the high school for students interested in the fire department along with the Broad Brook Fire Department. We continue to bill the state for calls in I91, currently, we are up to \$16,500.00. I am working with the radio committee to continue that process with the town. We are looking into grants. The first responders of East Windsor are holding a pasta dinner for a young man in town with cerebral palsy. The proceeds from the fundraiser will help the family with home renovation to make it more suitable for Gavin. The pasta dinner

will be April 28th. Motion to approve the Chief report as presented, John Burnham, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Correspondence: We received 2 letters for the open position of commissioner in May. Kevin Clynch and Charlie Nordell both submitted letters with their intention to run again for commissioner.

Public Session: NA

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron