

Volunteer Incentive Committee Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Ron Masters.

Present were: Cal Meyers, Chief David Lockwood, and Chief Jim Barton, Dan Schnobrich, Gil Hayes & Ron Masters.

Minutes of the meeting of previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by G.Hayes and 2nd by D. Schnobrich to approve the minutes as modified. The motion passed.

The Fire Chiefs presented the data for the quarter ending June 15th, including officers pay for the quarter. Volunteer incentive expenditures for BBFD were \$22,670 as reported by Chief Lockwood. Chief Lockwood said that the numbers were submitted to insure that we remained below the budget allocation. Chief Barton told the committee that expenditures for the WPFD were \$15,967 for the quarter for a total for the quarter for both departments of \$38,637. This brought the total for the current fiscal year to \$178,364 against a budget allocation of \$180,000. Subsequently, the Town Treasurer paid an additional \$1200 of the June submittal for BBFD which brought the total expensed to \$179,500 for the period.

At the May meeting, we discussed the possibility of obtaining a CROG grant to cover the cost of mandatory NIMS training. The Town is to apply for this grant. It was noted that the WHPFD may have to supply some data for this grant. R. Masters to consult with the First Selectman regarding this application.

There was also a question regarding reimbursement for snow removal efforts by both departments. This will also be pursued with the Board of Selectmen.

Chief Barton reported that at the Tolland County Fire Chief's meeting, the Fire Chief from Monson MA told everyone that he was extremely gratified with the response from CT fire departments after the recent tornado which ravaged his town.

BBFD received the latest bill for the combined pension and insurance program. The amount is \$18,985.26 against a budgeted allocation of \$15,000. WHPFD hasn't received theirs as yet. When they do, we will schedule a meeting with a representative from VFIS to see what can be done to get the program back to being fully funded. Hopefully, this meeting will take place in August or Sept.

The next regular meeting of the committee will be Oct 31 at 7 pm at the BBFD.
.The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Masters