



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WAREHOUSE POINT FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020

Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor

Time: 7pm

Call to Order: meeting suspended until 7:40 due to no quorum, 7:42 by Louis Flynn

Attendance: Louis Flynn, Rachel Safford, Charlie Miller, Charlie Nordell, Kevin Clynch absent, Kirk Montstream absent

Added Agenda Items: NA

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Discussion of the current budget. FSM line is going on track to be over spent by 17,000.00, this includes both FSM and callbacks. Fire Marshal office, budget calls for 20 hours a week for FM and 10 hours for the inspectors.

Clerks Report:

-Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 2/3/2020 meeting Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Motion to approve the budget workshop on 2/5/2020 Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Chairperson's Report: Information meeting at the high school, we went to a budget workshop, at both of the meeting the chief made a power point presentation. He did a great job at both. We asked to be included in the town budget at the same amount as BBFD, we informed them of our plans to add an addition onto station one, we also included the plans to replace a 30-year-old firetruck. There is a question mark on the amount in which the district is allowed to borrow money. I have spoken to Carl; we are looking to have him come to talk to us on this topic. Sarah BOS, I made a motion \$502,000 into the budget with Charlie Nordell second the motion. Then when the finale budget was voted on Charlie and myself were the only NO votes. Discussion of the budget. Chief, I reminded them that BBFD got a 2% increase, they actually got more than that, they added more shifts. They confirmed not everyone needed the 2% so they moved it to the fire service. The fact they are creating a budget with financing the fire service for the entire town is not right. There is a state statute that says they can't fund a fire truck for us because we collect taxes. We are on our own, we need to take care of ourselves.

New Business:

-Budget: NA

Old Business:

-District Bid Procedures: NA

-Casino: NA

-Expansion of District: NA

-Other sources of funds: I sent a letter for the pilot money; I will resend it to the entire board.

Fire Marshal Report: 50 inspection done in the month of Feb. We need more time and money in the fire marshal office. Rachel and I sat down to work on the spread sheet to show the inspections for our district. Rachel, the system is very difficult to use, I did create a spread sheet. Overall, we have 450 inspection with 50% at 3 years. 118 a year for inspections, 75 2-year inspections. 38 inspections a month is the goal. We do have a legal obligation to inspect properties. We have bigger fish to fry, we need to make sure people respond to fires, we need an addition, we need to replace the old truck. Charlie Nordell, this is a big deal, this situation could get bigger for us. Rich, that is only the inspector, not including my job, I am going to be very busy. Louis, should we look at the budget again? Chief, the annuity line is 113% funded, we only need to pay 5800.00 left in that line. Rachel will come up with some number for the budget. Jim Barton, I think it is import to look at the number of hours for the FM office. For budget purposes you need to look at this. We have a problem right now that we have people that want to work a few days a week, we need more information. Motion to accept the FM report as presented Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Fire Chief's Report: 42 for FEB, mandatory training is being done. Looking at quotes for the painting of the fire house at station one. I think we should hire the guy for 1850.00, he will paint the walls and trim at station one. Charlie Miller, sounds like a good deal, Motion to spend \$1850.00 from the building line to paint station one Rachel Safford, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Discussion of J R Russo plan review. We will wait until we talk with Carl. I would like to start attending the public session when the casino talks with the commission at the state. Motion to approve the chief report as presented Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Correspondence: Audit arrived

Public Session: Jim Barton, I am still in favor of a 1.6 mill rate, I have given you a sheet with some numbers on it showing how we could get there. We would need to reduce the CIP, we have money in the bank, we could use money we already have in CIP. I think we could take a closer look at the budget; you are trying to do a lot all in

one year. The raises are high percentage wise, 6-11% is high, nobody get raises that high. Louis, what is the big deal between 1.6 and 1.7? Louis, we are on our own, we squeezed this budget. Why are we getting ourselves nerved up over this? We are trying to do three major deals. Why are we making ourselves victims?

Jim- There is no urgency to add the people to the night shirts. Louis, the answer is we are taking a big bite, I would say go out to BB and ask them. I don't have the same nervousness that you have, I don't agree with cutting CIP. Charlie Miller, I agree with Louis, we are talking a tenth of a mill. Rachel, I have said this before we need to fund CIP. Charlie Nordell, I have already stated my opinion. Glen Moule, on the FM reports, thank you Sarah and Charlie for doing something for this side of town. You are legally obligated to do the inspection, regardless of the cost. Do we charge for the town buildings? Yes, we do. If you want people to work here you need to pay them accordingly. I will double what I pay to get people to show up. I think the chairman and chief should meet the 10 top tax payers, I heard some people want to sell station 2? Is this true, I don't think people would like that. I think that as of July 1st you should stop responding to the BB side of town, its not the right thing to do but we are running out trucks to the ground and our men.

Louis, thank you Sarah BOS, Charlie BOS thank you very much. We are doing the best we can making this work. It would be a bad idea to man both stations, but we need to be reasonable.

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:50 Rachel Safford, Charlie Nordell second. All in favor