



Warehouse Point Fire District

Meeting Minutes

Monday August 2, 2021

Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor

Time: 7pm

Call to order 7:02

Attendance: Rachel Safford, Austin Holden, Charlie Nordell, Louis Flynn, Charlie Miller, Kevin Clynh

Added Agenda Items: NA

Chief Jim Barton and Fire Marshal Richard Austin are currently working on a structure fire in the district.

Treasurers Report: Only one month into the fiscal year.

The bank branch is closing as of Friday, Aug 6th, currently, deposits are made by FSM. They will no longer be able to make the deposit, I would recommend having the Fire Marshal make the deposit. The deposit will need to be made at either the South Windsor or Enfield location. I will report next month the money to be moved from last year's budget. Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented by D James Barton (treasurer), Charlie Nordell, Austin Holden second. All in favor

Clerks Report:

-Motion made by Charlie Nordell, to approve the minutes from July 12, with the amendment to a motion on page 2: Charlie Nordell was not in favor, Austin Holden second. All in favor, Rachel Safford abstained

Chairperson's Report:

-The OSHA report was presented to Chief Barton this past month; each station was fined \$560.00 per the report. OSHA allows you to meet with them to discuss the fines. Chief Barton had the meeting with OSHA, it was discussed that all violations had been corrected, so they gave a 50% discount on the fines for a total of \$560.00. The fines have been paid.

Station 1 Building Addition Committee:

-Clerk of the Works Update: The building will be finished this week; we will do a punch list Tuesday morning.

-Firetruck progress report: The cab is built; it is still set to arrive in September or October.

-Payment requests: \$115,915.77 is the current bill due to Crocker Builder. I just received the signed copy of the bill.

Motion to pay Crocker Builder \$115,915.77 Rachel Safford, Austin Holden second. All in favor

New Business:

-Discussion and action on the FM SUV:(Kevin) Do we say drive it till it dies? Do we keep pouring money into the SUV? Do we have a duty car instead? The rumor is Broad Brook is going to pay mileage for the FM. We could keep putting money into the SUV but we would be better off paying mileage. (Kevin), we have options, we could sell it? It is just a matter of time before it needs more repairs. (Charlie Miller), it should be the same for all the inspectors, we should pay mileage for all of them including Rich. (Austin), the chief drives his personal vehicle for District business. (Charlie Nordell), he is the lead inspector, the District Fire Marshal, it is a money pit, I think next time it has an issue we take it off the road then. (Rachel), we are coming to the end of the life of this vehicle, we need a take-home vehicle policy on any vehicle that is used in this way. I wouldn't take it off the road tomorrow. We need a plan in place first. We need to think about the following: do want a take-home vehicle, what are the cost benefits, what is the impact on Rich? (Austin), I would say I would go with the mileage. I would want a process for the change but not wait another year. (Kevin) we could take it off the road at the end of the month. The big question is,

Is it safe? Yes, that is a hard question. (Kevin), towns and states across the country are taking vehicles away from the employees for financial reasons. The old duty car stayed at the station. We don't have a real need for a duty vehicle. (Charlie Miller) I wouldn't want to say at the end of this month, Rich is not here. (Kevin) It is not about what Rich wants; it is about what's safe. We know Rich wants; he wants a new vehicle. (Lou), is it fair to do this without Austin here? (Rachel), No, we are not going to keep fixing it. But there are three different questions: 1. Is the 2009 SUV safe? 2. Do we need an FM vehicle? 3. What is our take-home policy? (Kevin) I think it should be the end of August. 2 months ago, he stated it was unsafe. If we take Rich out of this it would be an easy decision for all of us. The town could give him a vehicle, we don't know. (D James Barton): The basic problem is there is not policy, is there a legitimate need for an FM vehicle. If the answer is yes then there needs to be a policy. Is it a fire marshal car that is used by all the inspectors? It is a better business decision to pay mileage, the dollar and cents are what they are. The Ford dealer said they couldn't recreate the issue and replaced an item.

(Lou), you are right money wise it's smarter to pay mileage. (Charlie Miller) said to vote at the next meeting. (Kevin) the only problem with not voting tonight is that he will get the SUV taken away the same night as the vote. (Charlie Nordell), I like the idea of waiting till the next meeting. (Rachel), I would rather let Rich have a voice. We need to make an educated decision. (Austin), if the other inspectors are doing it with their cars, then Rich could as well. Does the job require a lot of equipment? (Chief), there is a small amount of equipment. We utilize the state Fire Marshals regularly, when they come and assist in the investigation they bring the equipment. I started tracking mileage for me, I don't put in mileage, I probably should. My mileage would be over \$400.00 for last month. (Kevin), I would like a vehicle here that everyone could use. (Chief) The style vehicle that would be most useful would be a pickup truck. Motion made by Charlie Nordell to take a vote to on Sept 13th meeting which would set a date to terminate the use of the FM SUV, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Old Business:

- New software update: we are in the same place.
- Review and discussion of the draft District Charter: NA
- Update of Hose Company 1: NA

Fire Marshal Report: NA

Fire Chief's Report: Motion to approve the Fire Chiefs report as presented, Charlie miller, Rachel Safford.

Correspondence: NA

Public Session: NA

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 7:58 Rachel Safford, Charlie miller second. all in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron