



Warehouse Point Fire District
Meeting Minutes
Monday March 7, 2022
Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor
Time: 7pm

Call to Order: 7pm

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

Added Agenda Items: NA

Treasurers Report: Total spending 66%, categories that are overspent; fire extinguishers, generators, training, these are some lines items we need to continue to watch.

Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Rachel Safford, Charlie Nordell second. All in favor

Clerks Repot:

Motion to approve the clerk report from 2/7/2022 regular meeting Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor.

Motion to approve the budget workshop minutes from the 2/28/22 meeting Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor.

Chairperson's Report

-Town Communication: A letter was sent to the Town selectman and Town treasurer, I have not heard back from them. We did send them information on the Districts bond, which they need for the town audit.

-Update on 81 Bridge Street: agreement was signed, we are going to wire them the \$20,000.00 for the title company which will hold the funds till closing. I will keep you posted with any updates.

New Business:

- Discussion of the draft District Charter: working with Landolina

-Fire Marshal Fees: New fee schedule was presented to the commission. Discussion of changes to the fee schedule. Plan reviews would be changes to per \$1000.00 verse per square foot. Discussion of the square foot vs dollar amount charge. Jim Barton: The charge for square foot seems more consistent. This was created by the commission a few years ago (2015), I changed it not knowing I needed a new ordinance. I have been using the new schedule for a while now. I make it easier for everyone to read. So now I am coming to the commission to either create a new fee schedule and ordinance or go back to the way it was created. Jim: For a plan review are you considering equipment? Rich: It depends on what type of equipment. Chief: Are you going to create a policy on collecting the revenue? Will it be tracked? Lou: Yes, it should be tracked, lets work on a plan for that.

Old Business:

-Budget update: We have had two budget workshops. A few changes have been made, the budget was updated. Louis Flynn got a call from an FSM about their current rate of pay. BBFD is getting paid at a higher hourly rate. Chief put some numbers together to give a raise to the FSM. If we move the mill rate of 1.95 then we have a few dollars to work with. The person that called spoke about adding a union to the district. I think we should give them a raise equal to BBFD. Discussion of cost of living raises. We need a policy for cost of living raises. Rachel, we need a broader discussion, a policy written. I am not saying to not give raised but we need to create policies for this. I also think we should give raises across the board if we are giving them this way. Kevin: I don't think BBFD should be our guide. Lou: They are our competition. Discussion of FSM raise. Kevin: I think we need to raise the rate for volunteers. I have never heard of one guy calling and they all get a raise. Chief: I think

it might help to pay the volunteers every two-week verse quarterly. Rachel: Merit base raises make me a little more comfortable. Everyone does not need to get paid the same. I am not denying the need for raises, I am just asking for rational. Next Budget workshop Monday March, 14, 2022 7pm, we will discuss this further.

Fire Marshal Report: We had a major fire on Sunday, there was a three-day inspection. We have put in a lot of hours into fixing the software. Kevin: How does the State Fire Marshal's Office get involved in our inspections?

Rich: It is up to the fire marshal to get the state fire marshal office involved. Motion to approve fire marshal as presented Rachel Safford, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Fire Chief's Report: 59 call for February. 53% fire calls, 47% ems. Covid grant has been spent, waiting for SCBA equipment to be delivered. Kevin: What apparatus are responding to ems calls? Chief: Either the squad or the new ladder. All three FSM respond to ems calls. The fire department responds to all priority one calls. Discussion of ems calls. Motion to approve the chiefs report as presented Charlie Miller, Rachel Safford. All in favor

Correspondence Charlie Nordell: The letter was sent to all the selectman and will be on the next agenda.

Public Session: NA

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 Rachel Safford, Charlie Nordell second. All in favor