



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WAREHOUSE POINT FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Monday June 3, 2019

Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor

Time: 7pm

Call to Order: 7:

Attendance Louis Flynn, Rachal Safford, Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller, Kirk Montstream Absent, Kevin Clynch Absent

Added Agenda Items: NA

Treasurers Report: Discussion of the current budget. A workshop will be setup with Landolina for the next year's budget. Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Clerks Report:

-Motion to amendment the minutes: Charlie was in favor the increase in stipend permanently, not just for a few months, Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor, Rachal Safford Abstain

-Motion to approve the minutes with the amendment Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor, Rachal Safford Abstain

-Accounting information: discussion of procedures for payment of bills. A policy will be written for the next meeting.

Chairperson's Report

-Town Communication: The chairman is upset with the town and budget process. I am upset with the BOS, BOF, the BOF was one of the nastiest experiences of my life, we got made monkeys of. I am upset with Bill Loos, I gave a speech at the last public session, the next woman spoke and said everyone should be cut by the same percent which is fair. Bill Loos gets up, fellow brother firefighter, I am a retired guy, I don't like taxes. Warehouse point already passed their budget they have their own money, cut them out of the budget completely. We are already at half of what BBFD gets, then they want to cut us more. Not one of the BBFD came to support us at any of these meetings. Now after the second no vote on the budget we are back in at \$232,000.00. We must thank public works for giving up \$100,000.00 from their budget. This is not right, terrible.

Jim Barton: The good news, I think the BOF is coming around on the fairness of taxation. Muska is running for first selectman, so she wants to help

us right now. I get the feeling they know something is wrong, they just don't know how to fix it. Bowsza wrote a letter referring to the reason there were more no vote the second time around to show support the WHPFD.

Charlie BOS: What the BOF is wrong for what they were doing. I felt the first round of the budget was not going to pass due to out of control BOE budget. The BOF was seeing how they could get more votes, which is the wrong way to go about it. I would tell you to ask for an added appropriation. They seem to be willing to hand them out.

Jim Barton: we need to get a mill rate to the tax collector by June 15. If the budget fail, we are at 1.4 for a mill rate, if the budget passes, we need a mill rate of .9 or 1.0 mill rate. Louis Flynn, I would like to have a special meeting the day after the vote.

Motion to set the mill rate at .0009 if the town referendum passes on June 11, 2019 with a line item for WHPFD at 232,000.00, if the budget does not pass at the June 11, 2019 referendum the mill rate will be set at 1.4 mill rate for the 2019-2020 budget Charlie Nordell, Rachal Safford second. All in favor

If you vote NO on the June 11 budget vote your taxes will go up about 20.00 on the Warehouse Point side of town. Jim Barton, the fire tax is about 1/3.

New Business: NA

Old Business:

-District Bid Procedures: NA

-Casino: NA

-Expansion of District: BBFD will vote next Thursday, that vote will determine the next step in the process.

-Other sources of funds: NA

Fire Marshal Report: The fire marshals office is doing a really great job, Maple street apartments were going to be condemned, they got purchases we work with the new owner to really clean the place up, they did a really good job. Motion to approve the treasurer report Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Congratulations on your marriage on behalf of the fire commission. A letter was sent to complaint, it was a nice letter and the customer paid the bill. Charlie BOS, the place that services jeeps is opening a new place.

Fire Chief's Report: Mutual aid calls went up this past month. 63 call for the month of May, there is some regular schedule annual testing that are going to be competed. Some maintenance will be done out of the regular maintenance line. We need to stay on the mitigation money, the town will cut us out. It is for public safety, not the school. Charlie BOS: You spoke that WHPFD was the only one to respond to a medical on the BBFD side of town, that concerns me. Chief, we were the ones that

were available. Motion to approve the chiefs report as present Charlie Miller, Charlie Nordell second. All in favor

Correspondence

Public Session: Mike Balf, I would like to know how much money is left in this year's current budget?? Someone must know!

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:24 Rachal Safford, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Motion to go back in to session Charle Miller, Charlie Nordell second at 8:30. All in favor

Motion to complete boiler replacement at station one by Taylor Energy for \$29107.00, Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:32 Rachal Safford, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron