



# **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WAREHOUSE POINT FIRE DISTRICT**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday September 9, 2019**

**Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor**

**Time: 7pm**

**Call to Order: 7:08 by Louis Flynn**

**Attendance: Louis Flynn, Charlie Miller, Charlie Nordell, Kevin Clynych, Absent Rachel Safford, Absent Kirk Montstream**

## **Added Agenda Items:**

**Treasurers Report: Motion to approve the treasurer report as present by James Barton, Treasurer, Charlie Miller, Kevin Clynych second. All in favor**  
**Discussion of the grand list, only counting on a 98% collection rate vs. 100% for the budget. The check from the town was a day late. The account came to the firehouse to visit with Chief, Mr. Barton and Jill. His recommendation are a PO system, commissioners to sign off checks written, 2 signatures on bills over a set amount.**

## **Clerks Report:**

**-Review meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from August 5, 2019, with the correction of the adjournment name to Charlie Nordell, not Charlie Miller, Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor**

## **Chairperson's Report**

**-Acknowledgement of the passing of Tony D, the fire department did an outstanding job with all of the services.**

**MOTION: The Warehouse Point Fire District remembers and gives thanks to the late Anthony DiMastrantonio known here as Tony D for his many years of service as a firefighter for the Warehouse Point Fire Department and a Commissioner of the Warehouse Point Fire District. Tony passed at his home on August 31, 2019 and was the subject of a spectacular funeral conducted by the Warehouse Point Fire Department. We give thanks for having Tony as a firefighter, Commissioner, and friend Charlie Nordell, Kevin Clynych second all in favor.**

**-Town: MOU read by Louis Flynn from Robert Maynard. See attach. Richard, why is the town using the term grant. Chief, they are saying we are only servicing the west side of town, I am not comfortable with that. The amount is half of what BBFD is getting from the town. BBFD only got the 2%, but they still added the night time FSM. Louis Flynn will email Attorney Landolina the**

**MOU for review. Motion to have the lawyer review the MOU, with attorney approval Louis Flynn can sign the MOU and provide it to the BOS Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor**

**-Pilot money- We researched the pilot money, the amount the town was getting. Pilot money is payment in lieu of taxes. There are 16 Properties in East Windsor, 9 in Warehouse Point. WHPFD is not currently receiving any of the current pilot money. This is once again unfair to the tax payers of WHP. The town received \$540,000.00 for this current year. We need to put in a formal request to the town for our piece of this money. Richard, we have reviewed the money in the past, what changed? Louis, I think we need to be careful with timing, wait and see what happens with the 232,000 and then go forward with the pilot money. I think the 232 is an insult, but it is helpful to the tax payers. Charlie N, we need to keep asking. Two of the BOS have a plan for the monies from the casino, which is a problem. The WHPFD is excluded from the money. Mr. Barton, I would talk to Carol Madore, she is familiar with the pilot money. Louis will draft a letter for review. Annual report is due by October.**

#### **New Business:**

**-Snow removal: Motion to allow Louis Flynn to sign the snow removal contract with Josh Austin for the same terms as last year Charlie Nordell, Kevin Clynch second. All in favor**

#### **Old Business:**

**-District Bid Procedures: NA**

**-Casino NA**

**-Expansion of District: Chief-Due to the bylaws of BBFD the vote must be voted on at two meetings, with a 2/3 vote. The second vote was taken, with a NO outcome. The district has done all we can to move the district forward. The BBFD does not want to become one fire district. We are on our own, the Town does not want to help us, the BBFD does not want to help us. Louis, I have been nervous that when pippin was on BOS, they had them research how to dissolve the district. Let's get the 232, ask for the pilot money. Chief, they could make the BB side of town and make them a special district to brake out the money to have fair taxation. We also have the option of becoming a contracted fire service for the town. We can move forward without the BBFD support. It will be harder, but can be done with informational meetings to get the votes. Sell the idea of one fire district, show them the draft charter. Wagner: the only people to vote on the district expansion is the BB side of town. Discussion of fire tax, fire service under contract. How much would a town department cost? Charlie M, they should go to a special district. Kevin, I know we can't anticipate the future, I think there is another option. If we get this casino, we will be short. We need to show we are in trouble. The 232 is to reduce the costs not to add more. We need to think about what we will need if**

**bigger projects come. We need to service the fire district. The town is keeping all the money.**

**-Other sources of funds**

**Fire Marshal Report: NA**

**Fire Chief's Report: 53 calls, 475 call so far this year. Large truck repair, squad needs electrical work. Truck committee is starting up to look into a replacement truck. Washing machine was ordered, boiler was started at station 1.**

**Motion to accept the chiefs report as presented Charlie Miller, Kevin Clynch second. All in favor**

**Correspondence: NA**

**Public Session: Deb, fundraiser 9/11 at Red Robin in Enfield, Flower sale this weekend.**

**J Barton, we have no representation on the boards that lives on this side of town. This is very bad! This is one of our many problems. We need solution, we need leverage. Nothing said here tonight would fix this problem. They appointed people to the WPCA, none of these people are on the sewer system and pay the fee. Only one member of the WPCA pays the fee. The only thing I want to do is fix this double taxation. Right now, Taylor Energy is putting in a 30,000.00 boiler that I am paying for and the BB side of town is not. Chief, I think that this fire district needs to protect ourselves from the town. If they go to a town wide fire department all of our taxes will be sky high. I am tired of dealing with town, we need to stop being nice, they are not being nice. Louis, I asked Carl who could bring lawsuit to the town, the answer was an indivual tax payer not the district. Fred, why can't the tax payers come together to fight the town. The district can't pay for it.**

**Executive Session: NA**

**Adjournment: motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 Charlie Miller, Kevin Clynch second. All in favor**

**Minutes submitted by Jill Caron**