



**Warehouse Point Fire District
Meeting Minutes
Monday October 5, 2020
Station 138, 89 Bridge Street East Windsor
Time: 7pm**

Call to Order: 7:01

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

Added Agenda Items: Signature on packet from the legal council

T treasurers Report: The accounts remain the same, cleaning and medical supplies are higher than expected, likely due to COVID-19. We are making a separate budget to make changes within the operating budget for budgeting purposes in the future. Fire inspectors are over for the hours budgeted for the month. We need to make a motion for the movement of money to fund balance and contingency. There is closing on Wednesday for the bond issue of the two projects. We have rates from our current bank which is an investment account, the rate is higher than the state rate, .010. Lou: questions about Santander bank: do we currently earn interest? they are not an American bank; they are a Spanish bank. We need to look into the State fund. Jim Barton: Are we prepared to have a State account by Wednesday? Louis: yes. Change the name to unexpended fund balance. Motion to move the 2019-2020 unexpected fund balance \$26,142.70 to be moved to District unexpended fund balance Charlie Nordell, Austin Holden second. James Barton: This could all be cleared up with policies. All in favor Motion to accept the treasurer report as presented Rachel Safford, Charlie Miller. all in favor

Clerks Report:

-Approval of meeting minutes: 9-14-2020: Motion made to accept the 9-14-2020 meeting minutes as presented with correction of Charlie Miller as second, with only 2 commissioners, in the building committee discussion Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Chairperson's Report: This deal is a lot of paperwork; this is a bond for 2 million dollars. Mr. Barton and I signed paperwork for a 15-year term loan. There were 4 places that Attorney Chudwick went for funding. We went with Dime Bank. There was discussion of a level principle which is payment plus interest which drops over time, or the same payment over the life of the loan.

We have an approved loan. The closing is at 9:30 on Wednesday 10-7-2020.

Everyone that I spoke to said to put the money in the State fund. Chudwick is charging \$20,000.00, a bank fee of \$1500.00 is also due. We should have 2 accounts, one for the building and one for the firetruck. Hopefully, we can get a little better deal on the purchase of the firetruck, we need about another 100,000 for the equipment on the firetruck. I will set up a meeting with Pierce to negotiate a better deal for the price of the new fire truck. We could get a prepayment discount. We will be shy of the money needed for equipment. We will have to use CIP or District unexpended fund balance.

First interest payment due April 1st, which falls in this year's budget. I have presented the contract from Russo's, it is about \$18000.00, I signed the contract to start that. The next issue, Rachel the reports are great, please just send them earlier. Discussion of building plans. When this is designed, we need to make sure the apron is well designed. In the past the apron has been an issue, we have spent a lot of money on repairs.

Rachel: When it comes to the building, they will bill us after all the work is done. For discussion of the building committee meeting, see the attached report. Will Russo be getting the permits? Charlie Miller, so we will have the 2million and we need to make payments monthly. Where you put the money in the State fund, not much difference in the rates? Discussion of bank accounts.

Motion to have bond money put into the STIF account, the chairman will look into the accounts/ breakdowns, Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Addition Committee:

-Update

New Business:

- Discussion and action on snow removal for 2020-2021:

Motion to allow Chairman Flynn to sign the contract with Austin Landscaping for snow removal for 2020-2021 fiscal year Charlie Nordell, Rachel Safford second. All in favor

Motion to move contingency fund out of the operating budget to the balance sheet Rachel Safford, Charlie Miller second.

All in favor

Old Business:

-New ESO software update – Looking into other options

-Charter and bylaws: Special meeting Oct 8, 2020

Fire Marshal Report: I am aware of the hours being used, we have been busy, been working with Roadway Inn, and some other address to get them up to code. Rich will right up for three families. I have been appointed as the Fire Marshal for the town of East Windsor, the town will pay us back for the gas I am using. I have been providing them with the mileage I am using. The BOS is looking into options for this. Discussion of the new fire department in BB. Motion to approve the FM report as presented Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Fire Chief's Report: 47 calls for September. We did not get the FEMA grant. I just handed the Chairman the contract.

Lou: if you are going East on Main street, the building needs to paint.

Chief: I can get a price for the painting of the building.

Motion to approve the report as presented Rachel Safford, Austin Holden second. All in favor

Correspondence: NA

Public Session: Jim Barton, I would like to comment on the FM report, congrats to Rich on his new job, congrats to Lou for saying we should live within the budget. I think we need to look at all sides of this, we need to look at the benefits and cons.

We are all East Windsor taxpayers; do we want to be paying for codebooks twice? Rich: We have talked about the town providing me with a car. Jim: The payment schedule for this bond that we agreed on, the first year is \$186,000.00 by the last year will be \$135,000.00. The grand list now we would need to go up two 10ths of a mill. When we start talking about the budget, we need to try to stay under 1.9.

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:17 Charlie Nordell, Charlie Miller second. All in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron