

Nichols Fire District Monthly Meeting

April 21, 2015

Attendees

Commissioner Rick Perachio
Commissioner Ron Butz, Sr.
Tax Collector Hank Owen
Treasurer Barbara Plofkin
Secretary Curt M Robinson
Chief J. Brian McGovern

Leonard Szustak

Meeting called to order at 19:58 – There was no printed agenda going from the standard agenda.

1. March 2015 Meeting Minutes

Secretary Robinson presented the written Chief McGovern had made two grammatical corrections via email in the copy of the minutes circulated prior to the meeting. Commissioner Butz asked if there were any questions about the report as corrected.

Motion made by Commissioner Perachio, seconded by Commissioner Butz. Passed unanimously.

2. Tax Collector Report

Mr. Owen presented his written report. Collections for the month of March were just about \$2,000. Total receipts are just over \$1M. The amount to be collected on the report is off by \$6, this is due to a partial payment on the property that's been transferred to the Shelton Land Trust, for this amount. Mr. Owen also reported that the current month (April 2015) is going well too. The current-year amount "to be collected" is about \$39,000, typically this will eventually be about \$25,000, he anticipates this to be made.

Motion to accept by Commissioner Perachio and seconded by Commissioner Butz as published. Unanimously approved.

NOTE: Commissioner Perachio noted that if anyone is running for Commissioner, it must be in by May 7th. A letter has been received by Leonard Szustak, indicating he wants to run for the position. Mr. Owen commented that if anyone is interested in running, then we will need a list of property owners for the meeting. He will also need to get the Grand List from the Town, for the determination of the Mil rate. Mr. Owen also reported that he will be out of Town from May 14th through May 18th.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Barbara Plofkin presented her written report.

- Another \$50,000 was transferred to the operating account.
- Secretary Plofkin also reported that there's currently \$338.46 in the Station #2 building account. It was suggested by Robert Zitnay to transfer this to the budget, possibly in the building maintenance line.
- A check for \$5,000 was written to the contractor for the kitchen project, but no receipt has been received.

Motion to accept the report by Commissioner Perachio and seconded by Commissioner Butz. Unanimously approved.

4. Introductory Interviews

None

5. Chief's Comments

- It was reported that 12 members did not complete their medical physicals and have had their gear pulled until this is completed. 5 members have been referred to their personal physicians for follow-up.
- The Chief still feels that we are on track for spending on this fiscal year. He also feels the Station #1 "Window Project" should still be ready to go.

6. 2015-2016 Budget Discussion

Chief McGovern presented his budget proposal to the Commission

- There were questions from Commissioner Perachio about an Attorney Expense line. There is one on Line 19, currently allocated at \$5,000. There was discussion about this amount, updating to \$7,500.
- There was also a discussion about adding line specifically for the 110/112 Shelton Road property. There was an idea of adding a 2A line specifically for this to track maintenance and other costs. There was discussion about this amount. There were questions about income allocation that will be referred to Robert Zitnay.
- Current budget proposal is an approximate 4% increase of the current year. There was discussion about allocation across the lines.
- There will be a follow-up budget meeting on Thursday, April, 23 at 7:30pm at Station #2.

7. Old Business

- 100th Anniversary Celebration – Past Chief Shawn Rice, Charlie Gillespie
The committee presented a very rough proposal to try and establish a budget and a plan for the event(s). There was a presentation for their plan and discussion.
- Status, Rescue/Engine New Truck Committee – Dave Gillis, Chairman.
Chairman Gillis reported the truck is coming along well. They had a meeting on Friday and worked a few things out. He was also reporting that Ray Franko still has some of the information from the contract and drawings, but doesn't have all the information. He discussed the height of the truck and design considerations that the committee are working with GK to finalize. He discussed the location and design of the ground ladder compartments. Current change orders lower the price approximately \$1,837, but there may be additional costs for other items, the details of the changes were discussed briefly. The change order will have the items in question reviewed with GK and then brought back for signature by Commissioner Butz.
- Station 1 Project
There was no one from the committee present. The contractor is currently changing their name, so this is being resolved prior to the start of project. The receipt for the \$5,000 initial payment has not been received. There was discussion about the permit process and some of the design elements and the contract.

8. Correspondence

- There was a release of a worker's compensation claim that was received.

9. Comments / Remarks

- There was discussion about providing the members with a document and outline of the updated insurance coverages.
- Commissioner Butz reported that Commissioner Doug Doyle has resigned from the Board. The remaining Commissioners have elected to have Leonard Szustak fill the role for the remainder of the term. Commissioner Butz has been promoted to the Chairman of the Board.

Meeting adjourned approximately 22:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Capt. Curt Robinson
Secretary
Nichols Fire District