

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
WAREHOUSE POINT FIRE DISTRICT  
Minutes for Special District Meeting  
Monday April 4, 2016  
Station 138  
89 Bridge Street  
East Windsor, CT 06088  
Time: 7 PM**

Meeting called to order: 7:06

Attendance: Mike Balf, James Barton, Lou Flynn, Dean Saucier, Vic DeCapua, John Burnham. 43 Voter of the District

1. Elect a moderator: Lou Flynn motion made by James Barton, John Burnham. All in favor
2. Discuss and act upon a resolution adopting the 2016-2017 budget as approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners. The proposed budget is as follows: Motion to adopt the budget purposed see below. Bob Maynard, Vic DeCapua.

Warehouse Point Fire District 2016-2017	
<b>INCOME</b>	
DISTRICT INCOME	\$23,164.62
FIRE MARSHAL FEES	\$5,000.00
TAXES	\$570,572.98
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$598,737.60</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
ANNUITY	\$25,000.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$8,000.00
PHYSICALS	\$10,000.00
HEALTH/FITNESS	\$3,000.00
INSURANCE/WORKERS COMP	\$40,800.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES/TAX COLLECETION	\$34,911.46
FACILITES	\$99,785.96
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$22,000.00
FIRE APPARATUS	\$43,600.00
FIRE/MEDICAL TRAINING	\$6,000.00
COMPENSATION	\$65,000.00
PART TIME FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINER	\$49,500.00
INCENTIVES/STIPENDS	\$80,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$95,164.62
FUND BALANCE	\$1,975.56
CONTINGENCY FUND	\$14,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$598,737.60</b>

Discussion:

James Balch: my concern is how the money will be spent in the budget and how bids for jobs will be placed. Is there a written policy for three bids per job? I think you should get three or more bids for all jobs over \$10,000.00.

Vic DeCapua: We always get bids and are very conservative with all monies spent by the District.

John Burnham: Please state your name and address before you comment. Thank you

James Balch: How are the Commissioners elected? What is the District? Reason for the fire Tax?

Mike Balf: There are 2 commissioner elected every year that servers a 3 year term. They are elected by the people of the district at the annual meeting in June. Public welcome! The district was created by a special act in 1911 and then

extended in 1986. The reason for the fire tax is we are not properly funded by the town and the town will not support or maintain the building owned by the District.

Marsha Balf: I would like to remind you that all the members of the fire department live in the District and will pay the same tax. They have good intentions.

Lois Noble: What is FSM?

I see a few minor places that you might be able to save money on the budget. Copier Lease, Health and fitness, Internet access.

Mike Balf: Health and fitness is a benefit for the volunteers. The District pays part of the membership and the volunteers pay the rest. The internet is for two stations and a dedicated line.

Lou Flynn: Town cannot spend money on buildings they do not own.

James Balch: I would rather collect money from everyone and not be taxed

James Balch: When did you have a meeting with Maynard and Board of Selectman?

Mike Balf: we have been meeting with everyone on a regular basis.

Lou Flynn: Bottom line the town will NOT fund us.

Chief Barton: I have been a firefighter for the past 26 years, and the chief for the last 10 years. We have tried to work with the town for more than 10 years with no luck. I have 25 volunteers that get a 12 stipend for calls, all hours of the day and night. We have a firehouse that is falling apart due to lack of funding, are volunteer numbers are down.

James Barton: Motion to move to vote. James Barton, Andy Shefrin

James Burnham: We have advertised all of our meeting and held informational gatherings to inform the community. We have an opinion from the town attorney I would to share and have copies on the table for anyone who would like one. Please see attached.

Tony D: I have been a member of the department for 56 years. They are all good people. I am 100% behind the District. The fire department loves everyone.

Scott Morgan: Thank you to all the firefighters and departments. Every department in the town is underfunded and stretched thin. All the town buildings are falling down. Thank you!

Vote Counted by Jill Caron, Carl Landolina, NON district residence

Vote counted: 39 yes / 4 NO and announced by Lou Flynn

Chief James Barton: Thank you

Adjournment to the commission meeting.

