

Warehouse Point Fire Commission
89 Bridge Street East Windsor, CT 06078
October 3, 2016
7PM

Call to Order: 7PM by John Burnham

Attendance: Dean Saucier, Lou Flynn, Vic DeCapua, Zack Farrah, John Burnham, Mike Balf

Added Agenda Items:

Presentation from Gerry Bancroft on IAMRESPONDING.COM

John Burnham made a motion to add a presentation to the agenda by Gerry Bancroft on IAMRESPONDING.COM, Lou Flynn second. All in favor

Motion to go out of order to the added agenda item John Burnham, Vic DeCapua second. All in favor

Presentation: Gerry Bancroft gave a power point presentation on the IAMRESPONDING.COM that BBFD is currently using. The cost of the program is \$650.00 a year. Would need an I PAD or lap top in all the trucks to use the software. The software shows the location of all the fire hydrants. The software will sync with Firehouse Software. WHPFD would need to sign a 5 year contract.

Lou Flynn made a motion to enter into a contract with IAMRESPONDING for the setup cost and yearly contract for 5 years at 650.00 per year, Vic DeCapua second. All in Favor

Vic DeCapua made a motion to go out of order to 105, Mike Balf second. All in favor

105:

Discussion: Carl Landolina WHPFD attorney discussed the pros and cons of becoming a 105 for the WHPFD.

Ask the legislature
-Borrowing increased
-expansion

Dean Saucier made a motion to retain the current the status of the special act and forget about the 105, Lou Flynn.

Vic-We need to go to the town to make them accountable for the change in the agreement on the taxes for 2016-2017

Steve Neimetz- Served with many great people for 2 terms of service. Everyone one who have served said do NOT give the special act up. I don't think there is any need to change from the special act.

Steve – FF for over 24 years, I have held many ranks in the fire department. Steve read the definition of a fire district. The town pays the district for a service. There is not a feud between BBFD and WHPFD it's the town that need to get a town manager. This is a big deal made by the town to bully the district.

Tony D- Joined the department in 1960, we should not have to go to BBFD to join they should do their own work.

James Barton- Going to a chapter 105 might make it easier to dissolve, but I think we still need to move forward with the expansion of the WHPFD. Going to paid people is in the future and we should have all the fire service controlled under on fire commission. We do not need to be duplicating efforts.

John Burnham- the only concern I have is to be able to borrow money.

Lou Flynn- We won't be able to borrow money if we make it easier to dissolve the district.

Vote- 5 yes

Dean Saucier made a motion to go back in order Lou Flynn second. All in favor

Treasurer Report-

We are at 17% of the budget

Do we need an audit?? Yes!

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented Dean Saucier, Vic DeCapua

Approval of the minutes:

9/12/2016- Mike Balf, Lou Flynn. Second with changes to carl- to Do Nothing

Vote – all in favor

9/26/2016- Dean Saucier, Lou Flynn second with changes to 25,000.00 instead of 5000.00

All in favor

Secretary Report-

Jill asked for funding for reorganizing of the file system.

Motion to approve reorganizing the file system up to but not exceeding \$1500.00 Dean Saucier, Lou Flynn second. All in favor

Chairperson Report- EWFP meeting was canceled

Lou Flynn made a motion to not expand the district at this time due to the reluctance of the BBFD Dean Saucier.

James Barton Chief- It would be easier if the commission would sign an agreement with BBFD that their membership and department would not change. Most of the members want the change; if we become a town department we all lose our history.

Rich Austin- I was approached to get the BBFD, WHPFD membership together. They do not want to change their department.

James Barton- I think it would be a huge mistake if don't move forward with this.

Chief- 3 months ago this board did want to make the taxes fair and expand the district. We will not be able to pass another budget. We need to make the taxes FAIR. Going to the town has not worked; they do keep failing to fix the problem.

Vic- How can we have one district with 2 governing bodies?

Chief- They will have separate departments under one commission.

Rich Austin- I have issue with the fact if we do nothing and they don't pass we are broke.

Lou Flynn- You can't make decision out of fear. They don't want us telling them what to do. They need to have their own district.

Rich- This district, we have to go to our tax people, they say NO, what do we do?

Dean- The commission need to get the BB board of directors to tell us their fears and concerns. They need to talk to us.

Vic- Let them come to us and tell us they are willing to do this.

Zack- They do want to sit down and talk. Let's call a meeting.

Chief- Their board of directors would handle the members not the money. Expanding the district is the best option. If we do nothing we are the ones that are going to pay for it.

John- The town votes to have one fire district, WHPFD would run status quo, BB would run status quo. This commission would control the money; we need to separate ourselves from the town.

Vic- When we started this program we approached the town, BB should be doing the same.

Lou- I agree with Vic, secondly let Carl look into us petitioning the town to get the same appropriation as BBFD. We need to get the money back for this year and in the future.

James Barton- The problem which demands a solution is the double taxing. This commission needs to move forward to expand the district.

John- BB, WHP has the opportunity to jump ship and become one fire district with local control.

Vic- We had a budget meeting with our tax payers; the town is the one who needs to fix this.

James Barton- We will have a hard time passing a budget, people are more aware of the problem.

Lou- The commission needs to invite the BB board of directors to have a meeting. Let's have Carl look into us asking for the money.

Dean- There is two sides of town and need to get the support for the BBFD and residents.

Steve- The commission can't expect the BB board of directors to come here and make a deal.

Dean Saucier made a motion to invite the BB board of director to a special meeting and discuss the potential expansion of the district Lou Flynn second.

Mike- Invite the whole department, with public comment.

Setup- John will set up the meeting and pick up a date, John asked all the members of the commission to send Jill the days they are available to have the meeting by Wednesday

Agenda- Consolidation of the fire protection for East Windsor

Vote- Mike NO, 4 in favor

Old Business-

Station Report- Station 2 needs to be re-caulked.

Oil tank is out of the ground.

Roof- The wholes for the water to come off the roof should be made bigger. To repair the roof it would be 15000.00 with the upgrades.

Mike Balf made a motion to repair the roof for up to 15000.00 with C&M Lou Flynn Second. All in favor

New Business: NA

Fire Marshal Report:

Motion to accept the fire marshal report as presented Zack Farrah, Vic DeCapua second. All in favor

Chief Report:

Looking into prices for gas meter

Vic DeCapua made a motion to accept the report Zack Farrah second. All in favor

Correspondence: NA

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: 9:41

