

Warehouse Point Fire District Commission Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

7pm

John Burnham, Mike Balf, Zack Farrah, Lou Flynn. Absent Dean Saucier, Vic DeCapua

Added Agenda Item:

Move to EWFPC update/Taxes:

Carl Landolina is present (district attorney)

Read the legal advice from the Town attorney

Carl recommends that the district make a resolution to act under the state statutes

Lou Flynn-We need to think this out; the problem is the people of BB will not vote to have another tax.

BOS, BOF play their own game.

JB- Please everyone come to the meeting tomorrow 8 pm Park Hill

LF- Why is the ball not in their court, why are we putting us in jeopardy?

This district was designed to be a local government, this changes the whole way the district runs

BB will never get a district to pass. Each side of town could tailor a budget to fit the needs of that part of town.

Carl- One option is to do anything, but next year the district will have a hard passing a budget.

JB-The WHFDC wants to move to one district

LF-Town wide, is one step away from becoming a town fire department

Mike: The whole purpose of the committee was to equalize the town. Came down to three options, do nothing, expand district, and create a second fire district

JB- Status quo is not fair to the people of the district

Carl-18 month process to make a new fire district, voter on the other side will make the decision with a vote. BOF should put the money back in the budget.

James Barton- In the first option from the town attorney, he was confused. He did not address the issue of putting the money back into the town budget.

Carl-That is a year to year fix

JB-WHPFDC has the opportunity to fund both fire departments outside of town politics. This district can take control and have one fire district with two departments.

MB- The departments want to maintain the history of the departments.

JB-Only need people to make a vote.

Carl- 2/3 of the people to come to the meeting to have a vote pass, then you will need a charter

If you are going to enlarge the district you need to take the step and become a 105.

LF- Have a special meeting for a vote on the recommendation of the Board of Commissioner of the Warehouse Point Fire District to the EWFPC.

MB-One District

Zack- One District

JB- One District

LF- Other options, BB have a separate fire district

Chief- Only thing that would change for them would were they submit their budget, every two weeks they mention to dissolve the district, which is not going to happen. We are in this position because of the TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR.

JB- I am strongly in favor for one fire district for the entire town.

Chief- we need to go out and educate the people of BB. The committee will just hurt the process.

Carl- The district needs to educate the people starting now.

LF- If you put yourself in other people shoes, they are laughing because they are still covered by fire protection and do not have to pay an extra tax. Why should they join our district???

Jill- Local control of the money, the fire departments is not going against the BOE budget.

Carl- A tax payer has a choice between one district or a special tax district with the BOS controlling the money. I would think they would choose one fire district.

LF-BOS 2 have been very vocal about a Town Fire Department

JB-We need the direction of the board of commissioner, which was stated in the May meeting to move forward to one fire district.

Adopt a resolution at the next meeting to elect to be governed under the state statues.

Special meeting to discuss the special act/105 at 7pm September 26

Treasurer Report:

Town check was more than we originally had put in the budget. \$575624.12

Original budget 570572.98

I recommend we add 101.02 to tax collection line.

Motion to add 101.02 to tax collection line Lou Flynn, Mike Balf second

Add money to the computer line for the purchase of the lap top so moved Lou Flynn, Mike Balf second all in favor.

Oil tank removal money was put in Capitol improvement funds.

Order for tank removal was given by John Burnham with information from DEEP.

Motion to accept treasurer report as presented Zack Farrah, Mike Balf second. All in favor

Approval of minutes from last meeting as presented Zack Farrah, Lou Flynn second. All in favor

Chairperson's Report: NA

Station Report: Oil tank paperwork need to be signed and completed

Roof: repair 14000.00 or new roof 67000.00

Put on agenda for special meeting.

Incentive program: NA

New Business:

Mailing of the packets on the Tuesdays before the meeting

Fire Marshal Report:

161 Bridge Street changed owners

Motion to approve as presented Mike Balf, Lou Flynn second. All in favor

Fire Chief:

39 call in month of August

Need more staff, day time 2 guys, night time 3 guys are coming to calls on average

Whole town needs more staff/volunteers

Mutual aid takes time to get to the call and leaves there town down men

Have TN tone out both departments for all the calls.

Pump testing, hose testing all complete

Need to purchase a gas meter/camera for station 2. Cost 3000.00/camera 5000.00

Chief will get quotes for new equipment for the Special Meeting.

Correspondence:

Email from Dean Saucier was read by Jill Caron

Letter from Jim Nelson was read by John Burnham

Public Session:

Glen Mole- Mr. Flynn thank you for protecting this district, I would hate to see this fire district go away. We need to make the town fix this. The BOF has been doing this for years. EWFPC is not necessary; we have a special act that we are governed by. The town needs to cut the district a check to pay back the people of the district. BB has stabbed us in the back in the past. The chief has a huge responsibility. Need to fix the man power issue now. Please email the packet out its 2016. Glen read the top ten tax payer of the district, I bet the big complainer of the tax is Southern Auto Auction and I feel you are on this commission to protect his interest.

James Barton-You should look at the incentive program and adopt it or change it.

Adjournment: 9:51

Minutes submitted by Jill Caron