

**Royalton Fire District #1's Annual Meeting**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 PM at the Royalton School Library**

Attendance:

*Prudential Committee:* **Keith Grimes, David Whitney, Bill Ballou, Don LoveJoy**

*Administrative:* **Jerry Barcelow, Heidi Vogt**

*Moderator:* **Keith Grimes for Theron Manning**

*Emergency Services Personnel:* **Paul Brock (Chief Engineer), David Palmer (Rescue Administrator)**

*Voting public:* **Eunice Gavin, Marian Whitney, Paul Whitney**

*Guests:* **Carroll Ketchum, Sheldon Amell Sr., Tim Parker (FireFighter)**

Items were reviewed and discussed as follows:

**Keith** opened. Theron was unavailable as Moderator. **Keith** will be stepping in, however electing **Jerry** as Parliamentary Representative. **Wayne** (Clerk) also unavailable tonight.

#1: Minutes from the previous annual meeting, January 2014, were reviewed. **Bill** motioned to accept as submitted, **Keith** seconded. Motion carried.

#2: **Theron Manning** nominated for Moderator. No other nominations. Motion carried for a 1 year term.

#3: **Wayne Manning** nominated for Clerk. No other nominations. Motion carried for a 1 year term.

#4: Reports of the Officers:

**Paul Brock** (Chief Engineer) reported for Fire. See insert page 4A. The budget was also reviewed. See insert page 4B. Questions arose regarding hydrants, grants, and hydrant winter usage. **Eunice** voiced concerns regarding fairness of Fire House utility payments.

**Keith** reported on behalf of Wayne Manning for Water. See insert page 4C. **Eunice** voiced concerns regarding burden of possible bond on the Community. Are there grants available? **Paul Brock** suggested contacting Rose Hemond regarding grant information.

**David Palmer** (Rescue Administrator) reported for Rescue. See insert page 4D. **Eunice** requested a further breakdown of Payroll with regard to Overtime for future documents. The budget was also reviewed. See insert page 4E. Questions arose regarding timeline for "Tri-Town" ownership. It is hopeful that things are ready for this coming Town Meeting, however not likely.

#5: **Paul Brock** was nominated for Chief Engineer. Motion carried for a 1 year term.

#6: Statutes and Bylaws were discussed regarding the search for a Treasurer. Position was unable to be filled at this time.

- #7: **Paul Brock** suggested that the position of Tax Collector be left open since no tax is assessed for District residents.
- #8: **Keith Grimes** nominated for Delinquent Water Bill Collector. Motion carried for a term of 1 year.
- #9: **Jerry** recommended using Angolano & Company as Auditor for the term of 1 year.

By consent, the agenda was suspended allowing guest attendant **Carroll Ketchum** to address the meeting. He was recognized and given the floor. As the finance manager of Beth Larkin's estate, he presented the Fire Department and Rescue Squad with a \$25,000 gift each. This donation is unrestricted; however the family did state a preference that the Rescue Squad use it to purchase a new defibrillator.

- #10: **David Whitney** and **Bill Ballou** nominated to be members of the Prudential Committee for a 1 year term. The motion carried.
- #11: **Keith** was nominated to a 3 year term on the Prudential Committee. Motion carried.
- #12: The suggested water rate for the upcoming year, pending research into a possible rate schedule change, is \$1.90 per 100 gallons used. Motion carried. The budget was also reviewed. See insert page 4F.
- #13: The suggested water rate for those outside of the District is \$1.90 per 100 gallons used. The suggestion that it be higher was made. The motion carried at \$1.90 per 100.
- #14: **Paul Brock** motioned to decline the option to assess a tax on the residents of the District, **Bill** seconded. Motion carried
- #15: The next annual meeting of the Fire District #1 was voted to be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm.
- #17: Other non-binding business:  
Moses Lane water connections were discussed. "Free" water accounts were discussed along with communication between the Town and the Fire District with regard to these. Out of District repair and installation cost procedures were discussed.

**Paul Whitney** motioned to adjourn, **Paul Brock** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Special session was called at 8:32pm to discuss an invoice with regard to overhead door repairs. The session ended at 8:40pm and was immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Heidi L. Vogt, Assistant/Bookkeeper