

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS  
OF  
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT  
180 BEACH ST.  
WESTERLY, RI 02891  
OCTOBER 22, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 7:01 pm. All members were present. Also present were Foreman Dwayne Baker and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Foreman Doug Henderson of the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. #1, Foreman Kenderick Perez of the Cyclone Steam Fire Engine Co. #2, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Dan Cochrane of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Morrone to pay the bills of the evening. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0. The following bills were paid:

Bocce Club	100	316.00
Doug Henderson	100	300.00
McQuade's Marketplace	100	627.37
Dwayne Baker	214	315.00
Michael Marconi	214	251.25
Fagan Door	402	237.10
Unifirst	402	54.30
Chase	403	0.99
Shoreline Lawn Sprinklers	403	85.00
Verizon	403	252.45
EJ Boughton Co. LLC (E4)	504	6,812.94
EJ Boughton Co. LLC (SH)	504	2,756.44
Red Stone Tire	504	53.96
Chase	602	179.50
DigSafe	603	150.00
Aaron Perkins	801	50.00
NEAFM (Chief)	801	95.00
FCOARI (Chief & Dennis)	900	50.00
Chase	1201	716.89
Shipman's Fire Equipment	1201	180.45
Witmer Public Safety Group	1201	195.91
Witmer Public Safety Group	1201	118.94
Innovex	1500	22.24
Lynn Card Company	1500	108.00

Chase	1800	70.25
McQuade's Marketplace	1800	48.04
Compensation Planning	2000	16,000.00
Elite Cleaners	3000	25.25
Stillman Uniforms	3000	64.95
Witmer Public Safety Group	3001	119.99

Foreman Baker and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Foreman Henderson provided an 18-week calendar for Company Officers to shadow Board members. Foreman Baker advised Captain Sondra Evans was not yet on the list due to being out on a medical. Chief Mackay was not aware she was out on a medical. The calendar was discussed as part of a way to keep the company officers involved. Chief Mackay stated this would not deter the Board from developing Department Officers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Cochrane presented an idea for an Open House which would be used to educate the public and possibly be used to recruit new members. Board members expressed great interest and it was further described to showcase apparatus, the history of the Department and services provided. Board members thought this idea had merit and asked the officers to pursue further development.

The Officers left the meeting at 7:24pm.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked if more safety vests could be purchased for the trucks. Asst. Chief Morrone reported each truck should have at least 2 vests but was in favor of buying more.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked the status of the treadmill. Chief Mackay asked if the officers could move the one in the apparatus bay upstairs and remove the one which was taken apart downstairs. The officers would handle this.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked if handles could be installed on the 2 ½ inch nozzles on the pre-connects as these make them easier to handle. Chief Mackay would research the options.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked that we do a post incident critique after major incidents. Chief Mackay reported it was his intent but that he had not scheduled it.

Asst. Chief Fusaro asked if a meeting could be scheduled with Compensation Planning, the firm now handling the Pension and Awards programs, based on an email received from Westerly Fire District Treasurer Steven Greene. He asked that members of both the Pension and Awards Committees be invited to this meeting. Chief Mackay would pass on the request to Treasurer Greene.

Chief Mackay reported on the fire at 54 Tualum Circle. He stated the cause of the fire and the cause of death of Mrs. Patricia Martell had yet to be determined as test results were still pending. He asked members about any concerns. Asst. Chief Trebisacci stated people were getting complacent with PASS devices and he would address this with the officers and at training.

Chief Mackay reported he had received communication from Jim Ball of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management about our current foam supply. The state of Rhode Island has no money available to dispose of the foam, however they have a price for disposal of \$.55 a pound and a \$215.00 transport fee. RI DEM is currently looking to setup regional disposal areas where this could be accomplished. He also received confirmation from Mr. Ball that the new foam we are looking at has been tested and found environmentally safe.

Chief Mackay reported the site selected for this demonstration of the new foam had to be changed due to a portion of the site being in Connecticut and Ashaway Fire Chief Ron Sposato is looking for an alternative site.

Chief Mackay reported he will be replacing a module for the phone system at Station 2.

Chief Mackay reported he ordered 5 lengths of 4-inch hose to replace that lost during hose testing.

Chief Mackay reported he has created official Westerly Fire Department Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Chief Mackay would be meeting with Chief Lacey about social media postings.

Money Collected by the district:

Smoke Inspections	310.00
Business Inspections	1875.00
Plan Review-Residential	200.00

Agenda for the next meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro

