

Pine Hill Fire District #1  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Warrington at 7:30P.M. Mr. Warrington led the salute to the flag and read the Open Public Meeting Act.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Borchert – present, Mr. Costantino – present, Mr. Waddington – present, Mr. Wakeley – present, Mr. Warrington – present.

**Other Officials Present:** Fire Chief Greer, Fire Captain Hunter, Mr. Carlamere - Fire District Solicitor, Mr. Kanauff

Mr. Warrington advised that both Mr. Carlamere, the solicitor and Mr. Waddington both have to leave early for another meeting. Mr. Warrington also stated that since they both have to leave early he would like to go out of order and requested that they go into close session now for a personnel matter.

**Resolution #14-04** Closed Session regarding Personnel

Motion to approve: Mr. Costantino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Wakeley

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Votes

Approximate time in Closed Session: 20 minutes

Closed Session began at 7:31 pm

Closed Session ended at 8:09 pm

Roll call to resume open session: Mr. Borchert – present, Mr. Costantino – present, Mr. Waddington – present, Mr. Wakeley – present, Mr. Warrington – present

Mr. Carlamere stated that the closed session was about the resignation letter received from the current Fire Official, John Greer and also a letter received from the Firefighters Union in reference to posting the position of Fire Official prior to making an appointment. It was discussed as to the posting of the position of Fire Official. Mr. Carlamere stated that he advised the board that the position of Fire Official is an administrative position and not a promotion of a superior position of the fire department. He also stated that the board has a requirement under the administrative code to appoint a Fire Official within 45 days of the resignation of the current Fire Official and that the appointment of a Fire Official is a yearly appointment which will be done at the annual reorganization meeting of the board.

Chief Greer stated that he has an obligation to the State to complete the yearend report prior to a new Fire Official takes over.

Mr. Wakeley made a motion to appoint Steven Buchhofer as the Fire Official at an annual salary of \$5,500.00 until the March 2014 reorganization meeting. Mr. Costantino seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Votes.

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Mr. Carlamere stated that the method used by the board to fill the position of Fire Official is consistent with what the board has done in the past years.

**Approval of Minutes:** November 25, 2013 special meeting and December 5, 2013 regular meeting

Motion to approve: Mr. Costantino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Wakeley

All in favor: 5 Yes Votes Note: Mr. Waddington approved the November 25 minutes but abstained from December 5 minutes.

**Resolution #14-01** 2014 Fire District Temporary Budget

Motion to approve: Mr. Wakeley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Costantino

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Votes.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report & Bill List:** 1/9/13 Bill List in the amount of \$49,808.44.

Motion to approve: Mr. Costantino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Wakeley

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Votes

**Communications List:**

Motion to approve: Mr. Wakeley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Costantino

All in favor: 5 Yes Votes

**Old Business:**

1. IT Report: No Report
2. Truck Committee: Chief Greer gave report that they are looking into the brush truck. Captain Hunter came up with the price for the truck as \$28,354.00 plus \$5,000.00 for the plow package. The piping work would be done locally and they are working on pricing for that.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution #14-02 regarding** the Procedures for the Adoption of the 2014 Fire District Budget

Motion to approve: Mr. Costantino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Wakeley

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Votes

Open the floor to the public for the public hearing for the Adoption of the 2014 Fire District Budget

No discussion from the public

Motion to close the floor to the public by Mr. Borchert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wakeley

All in Favor: 5 Yes Votes

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**Resolution #14-03** regarding the Adoption of the 2014 Fire District Budget

Motion to approve: Mr. Wakeley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Costantino

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Votes

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Greer provided a written report to board members.

Motion by Mr. Wakeley to remove Tom Hassett from the active list

Second by Mr. Waddington

All in Favor – 5 Yes Votes

Mr. Warrington opened the floor to the public.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Costantino thanked Mr. Hassett for his years of service to the department.

Chief Greer stated that the reason to remove someone from active service is just a worker's compensation issue and that Mr. Hassett will still be involved with the department, but will not be answering fire calls.

Motion to close the floor to the public

Motion to approve by: Mr. Costantino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Wakeley

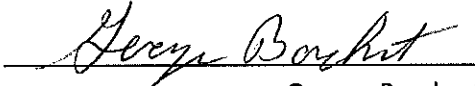
All in Favor: 5 Yes Votes


**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Costantino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Wakeley

All in favor: 5 Yes Votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

  
George Borchert  
Commission Secretary

  
Ken Cheeseman  
Fire District Administrator