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West Ossipee Fire Precinct

Commissioners Meeting

October 25, 2008

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Attendance: Commissioner Paul Jay, Commissioner Henry Ela, Fire Chief Brad Eldridge, Secretary Mellisa Ferland, Chris Tozier, Jon Cyr, Don Eldridge

I. Special Precinct Meeting

The Commission reviewed correspondence from Michelle Clark at NH Department of Revenue and the precinct attorney, Susan Slack. Warrant article III from the 2008 precinct meeting to allow the precinct to enter into a 10-year lease purchase for the new fire station at Jewell Hill has been disallowed. The building does not fall under the provisions for equipment leases. Long term financing requires a 2/3 ballot vote and that any appropriations over \$100,000 must be acted on prior to any other appropriation warrant articles. NHDRA recommends the precinct hold a special meeting or hold the 2009 annual meeting in January to deal with this then. Without one of these solutions no tax money or capital reserves can be expended for the building purpose.

Eldridge said he was given the verbage for the warrant article by NHDRA and he wants to know why the State why it is being disallowed now.

Jay made a motion to petition Superior Court for a special precinct meeting, send a letter to the town requesting all remaining tax funds for 2008 be paid immediately to the precinct and that Attorney Slack be asked to lead the Precinct through the process of the special meeting. Ela 2nd. Motion passed.

Eldridge said there is a freeze on all department spending at this time. Because of this article disallowance, financing for the building is further delayed and we are not sure how this will affect reimbursement for construction expenses already paid and how it will affect the Precinct's ability to repay the TAN by the end of the year.

II. Personnel Policies and Procedures

Commissioners were given a draft copy of the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual to discuss at the November 8 meeting.

III. Snowplowing bids

Commissioners received two bids for the West Ossipee Fire Precinct Snowplowing Contract. They voted to award the 2008-09 contract to Jon E Cyr & Son Excavating for the amount of \$4,470.

IV. Youth Employment

Eldridge reported there are two junior members on the fire department. They have work papers issued by the high school. Jay made a motion to secure insurance, worker's compensation, work papers and any other necessary paperwork for these members and to compensate them according to minimum wage requirements. Motion passed.

V. Other Business

December 17 at 6:30pm the Precinct is scheduled to go before the budget committee to present the 2009 budget. Budget discussion will be on the November 8 Commissioners meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am.

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