

**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Friday June 8, 2018
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:45a.m.

Commissioners present: Steve Bamsey, Tom Buco

Others present: Gregg Quint- Superintendent, and Amy Snow-Municipal Bookkeeper, Assistant Superintendent Steve Anderson, Chief Solomon

Absent: Michael Digregorio

Public: None

- a. Ratify and sign checks for Weekly Payroll Manifest for week ending 6/3/18
- b. Approval and signing of Supervisors' timesheets for week ending 6/3/18
- c. Ratify and sign checks for Monthly E/O Manifest for month ending 5/31/18
- d. Ratify and sign checks for Monthly O/C Manifest for month ending 5/31/18
- e. Ratify A/P manifest and sign checks dated 6/6/18
- f. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 5/31/18
- g. Workman's Comp

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Buco made a motion to approve items A, C, D, and E, motion seconded by; Mr. Bamsey; The following bills were discussed:

Crest Auto \$1,500.00- Accessories for the new truck.

F.W. Webb bill- Steve explained it was for the air release valves.

Mr. Bamsey asked if any contact was made to question if it is normal to replace the valve since it was done two years ago, Mr. Anderson responded it's not common to have to replace them that quickly; the one that was replaced was the first one inline out of the pump station and consequently had the most grease buildup. Next week they will continue to look at the other valves. The maintenance of the valves was briefly discussed.

Eversource Bill- The bill went down.

Motion passed 2-0-0.

Mr. Buco made a motion to approve and sign the Superintendent's and Fire Chiefs time sheets for week ending 6/3/18, seconded by Mr. Bamsey; Motion passed 2-0-0.

Mr. Buco made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 5/31/18, Mr. Bamsey seconded the motion; motion passed 2-0-0.

Mr. Bamsey opened up the discussion on workman's comp. He stated this conversation is a follow up conversation from last week about the disparity between what workman's comp pays and what an employee's regular salary would be. Mr. Bamsey would like to see what can be done to fill that gap. Workman's comp pays 60% The District Policy was reviewed. Chief Solomon explained the history behind why the District changed the workman's comp policy to what it is currently.

Chief Solomon expressed how unhappy he is with the Districts current workman's comp insurance carrier and gave examples using a current situation with an employee trying to collect a workman's comp check. Discussion ensued around the challenges of collecting a workman's comp check and collecting 60% of pay from worker's comp and if the District can find a way to

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make up the 40%. Mr. Bamsey again reiterated he is in favor of finding a way to fill the gap between what workman's compensation pays and the employee's base salary. Discussion ensued around different scenarios and how the policy was abused before it was changed to what it is today.

Mr. Bamsey asked Superintendent Quint and Chief Solomon to come up with a policy regarding workmen's compensation for Friday June 22ed meeting. Mr. Bamsey asked them to also include a retroactive clause in the policy. Light work duty was also briefly discussed.

Mr. Digregorio has requested a press release to inform the public that CVFD will no longer be doing carry outs. Chief Solomon was not in favor of the press lease stating it will only result in the district looking bad. Mr. Bamsey commented he is not in favor of a press release as well, if something comes up and it's realized that CVFD is not doing carry outs then it could be addressed in a press release. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Buco was not in favor of doing a press release either.

SUPERINTENDANT'S BUSINESS

Mr. Quint updated the board on work that has been done in the past week regarding well 2 and the lights. The lights are completely done and Eversource can do the final inspection. The lagoons were briefly discussed. Fill has been brought in and dumped near the larger of the 3 sludge pits and slowly being pushed into the pit to try and raise the sludge above grade to get it to dry. Terry Welsh who is a sludge expert has been contacted. There was a brief discussion around the sludge and how the new tractor is working out.

Mr. Bamsey reported he learned from Paul Degliangeli that Fair Point will start moving poles in a couple of weeks. Mr. Anderson responded dig safe has been done for the poles that need to be moved.

FIRE CHIEF'S BUSINESS

Chief Solomon reported on the two bids. He discussed the difference between White Mountain Oil and Whitelaw Mechanical. An engaging discussion ensued around the details of the White Mountain bid. It was decided to contact Mr. Digregorio by phone to get his opinion for the boiler bids via phone.

Mr. Digregorio joined the meeting via phone at 7:50 a.m.

Mr. Bamsey explained there are two bids for the boilers and gave the details of each bid. Chief Solomon explained he met with the engineer for Viessmann who makes the boiler for White Mountain Oil, who explained why they did not meet the bid specs. The engineer explained the technology behind the proposed boilers and why they were proposing them. Chief also explained White Mountain's bid was \$360.00 more than White Law however their fuel cost is .34 cents a gallon less than AmeriGas which could result in potential savings of \$1,600.00 a year in fuel cost. Chief summarized the decision as being the following:

Award the bid to White Law Mechanical who met the bid specs and stay with AmeriGas Or award the bid to White Mountain Oil with the different technology and theory of how to update the boilers and change fuel companies to White Mountain Oil as well.

Mr. Digregorio asked Chief Solomon if he has reviewed anything online regarding the Viessmann boilers. Chief responded he reviewed both of the boilers and explained they both get

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good reviews they just have different technologies. He explained the difference between the two of them to Mr. Digregorio.

Discussion ensued briefly around formalities of accepting a bid.

Mr. Bucu supported going with White Law because they are the low bid and they meet the bid spec he also pointed out their bid does not obligate CVFD to a propane provider. Chief Solomon pointed out we don't own the propane tank in the ground and a part of White Mountain Oil's project is to dig the AmeriGas tank up and return it to AmeriGas and put their own tank in at no cost to CVFD.

Discussion ensued around having enough BTUS to add two more modines to the keep the bays warmer. Discussion ensued around efficiency and the possible savings on the fuel going with White Mountain Oil. Mr. Bucu expressed his concern introducing new technology to an old system. Chief Solomon responded that he spent a lot of time talking to the engineer for White Mountain and he explained how the new technology would function and improve the existing system.

After weighing both options and an engaging discussion Mr. Bamsey made a motion to award the boiler bid to White Mountain Oil.

Mr. Bamsey made a motion to award the bid to White Mountain Oil for \$28,860.00, seconded by Mr. Digregorio; Discussion: Mr. Bucu asked how we explain to the voters; CVFD didn't go with the low bid. Mr. Bamsey explained it's in the bid spec we don't have to go with the lowest bid and other factors can be considered. **Motion Passed 2-1-0.**

Mr. Digregorio left the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

Chief Solomon updated the board that he has been unable to find a contractor to do the siding on the Fire Station. CBI and L.A. Drew are both busy. Chief has not had Shawn Bergeron look at the siding yet because it will cost the district money. Shawn suggested finding out what brand the siding is. Chief Solomon will call Shawn Bergeron to see what it would cost to have him look at the fire station. Discussion ensued.

BOOKEEPERS BUSINESS

Mrs. Snow handed out the Sewer Utility Regulations to be reviewed.

There being no other business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Receptionist

FUTURE DATES

Commissioners meeting June 14, 2018 at 4:45 p.m.

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