

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the
Board of Commissioners
Of the
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the offices of the Fishers Island Ferry on **Thursday, December 17, 2009**, at 1:55 PM.

Present were Commissioners Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards. Commissioner Edwards remained until 2:28 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended and approved;

Moved by Commissioner Burnham,

Seconded by Commissioner duPont.

Ayes all.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for audit and discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, a resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$74,536.97** as represented by vouchers **#505 through #528** dated,

December 15, 2009 was;

Moved by Commissioner Edwards,

Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: All

Bid Openings

1. Fuel Oil Bid – Five bids were received and opened at 2:07 p.m.: Buckley Energy, Burke Oil, Dime Oil, Drew Oil and East River Energy. After discussion and comparison of origin, rack price on day of delivery and delivery price it was agreed to award to Buckley Energy, at \$2.0043 Rack on the day specified, \$.0021 Delivery, for a total of \$2.0064;
Moved by Commissioner Brooks,
Seconded by Commissioner Edwards;
Ayes: All

2. Munnatawket Drydock Bids – Two bids were received and opened at 2:35 p.m.: Derektor Shipyard (\$44,500.00) and Thames Shipyard (\$56,280.00). After discussion and comparison, it was agreed to award the MU 2010 Drydock to Derektor Shipyard, Bridgeport, CT:
Moved by Commissioner duPont,
Seconded by Commissioner Brooks;
Ayes: All (Commissioner Edwards absent)

3. Mail Contract Bid - One bid was received and from William Bloethe, Fishers Island Village Market for \$650.00/year for one year and opened. It was agreed to award to Mr. Bloethe;
Moved by Commissioner duPont,
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham
Ayes: All (Commissioner Edwards Absent)

Old Business

1. A resolution was passed to accept Nationwide as the Deferred Compensation Provider;
Moved by Commissioner duPont,
Seconded by Commissioner Brooks;
Ayes: All (Commissioner Edwards Absent)
2. The approval of the Employee Handbook and Benefit Package was tabled for further discussion at the January 6, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Burnham explained "at will". Robert Dumouchel, crewmember, mentioned that only a few states are "at will" states. Is NY? Bryan Grote expressed concern about losing holidays in 2010 if the manuals are not approved in a timely manner. It was agreed to move the resolution prepared by Ferry District Counsel, Brian Egan, regarding establishing communication guidelines with the crew on proposed changes to the Employee Benefits package and Employee handbook.
Moved by Commissioner duPont,
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;
Ayes: All (Commissioner Edwards Absent)
3. Crew Report -None.

New Business

1. 2010 Full Time COLA increase was tabled till next meeting. Commissioner Brooks asked that it be in executive session and would like Chris Rafferty to analyze Federal increases, Bureau of Statistics and Town of Southold proposed increases for comparison at a later date. The minutes reflect that it is unclear whether the Board agreed to Commissioner Brooks request. Jesse Marshall suggested it might be good to look at giving raises in dollars instead of percentages.

Public Comment Session:

Bryan Grote asked what the procedure is when a Board member wants to speak to a crew member? Commissioner Brooks responded first saying a Board member should be able to do it as long as it is tactful and appropriate.

Deb Shillo presented an Ad Hoc Report. It was the understanding of Board that the Ad Hoc reports were done for 2009. However, Ms. Shillo was allowed to continue and that the Committee has three proposals from three banks they would like to Board to review regarding credit card processing fees which they will send to the Commissioners for review before the January 5 meeting. The report touched on airport grant revenues and expenses possibly being out of balance, payroll was lowest ever so far, was Mr. Bloethe fully paid for 2009 mail contract, will there be any more "insurance" claims, UPS was a "little light".

The Commissioners discussed appointing another committee for next year, which discussion was tabled.

Next meeting is January 5, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brooks, Seconded by Commissioner Burnham, Ayes: All (Commissioner Edwards Absent).

Meeting Adjourned 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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