

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Phil Thomas at 9:00 PM at the Hazardville Fire Station. Meeting had to be delayed so that registration of district tax payers could be completed prior to the start.

Atty Landolina was nominated for the position of Moderator. There being no further nominations from the floor, Atty Landolina was elected to position.

Mr. Patrick Martin was nominated for the position of Clerk. There being no further nominations from the floor, Mr. Martin was elected to the position.

The Clerk read the Legal Warning.

At this time, there was a motion made to remove the moderate that had been previously elected. After a lengthy discuss, Atty Landolina, removed himself as moderate.

Nominations for new moderate were Jack Sheridan and Karen Jarmoc. By voice vote, Jack Sheridan was elected as moderator.

Due to the large crowd of over 400 people, it was agreed to vote on two measures first, those being the budget and the article to increase paid staff so that there would be 24/7 coverage, 365 days per year.

The Board of Fire Commissioners asked to present their reasoning behind the discussion to increase staff only to have members to the audience try to not have the information heard. After much debate, it final was approved to be heard.

At this time Commissioner Thomas was introduced and a presentation showing the need for the added staff was shown. The attendees were very vocal in their stance during the presentation.

Again after a very lengthy and vocal discussion, the following occurred;

ARTICLE II: To elect one person to the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Hazardville Fire District for one, three (3) year, term.

RESOLUTION: Be it herby resolved that Mr. Phil Thomas has been nominated to the Board of Fire Commissioners, for the Hazardville Fire District, to sever for one, three (3) year term.

Presented by: J. Sheridan

Seconded by: Unknown – crowd was so large that it could not be determined

As there were no candidates who submitted papers to be considered for commissioner, the vote would only be to re-elect Phil Thomas. Again at this point there was very vocal audience that could not understand this move. It was repeatedly noted that the By-Laws of the District were such that he was the only legal candidate available to be voted on. After a long discuss, vote was taken

Motion was approved by the floor

ARTICLE IV: To see what action, if any, the District will take on increasing firefighting staffing.

RESOLUTION: Be it hereby resolved that the District is authorized to increase staffing.

Presented by: Vina Clifford

Seconded by: Beverly Raschenback

Once again, a very lengthy discussion on the motion as to why this all came about for the need to increase staffing. Also many wanted to know why volunteerism was low. This unfortunately is a national issue which could not and was not resolved.

Motion was rejected by the floor

ARTICLE V: To see what action, if any, the District will take on the budget submitted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hazardville Fire District and to make appropriations for the Fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

RESOLUTION: Be it hereby resolved that the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 submitted by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the appropriations contained therein be approved.

Presented by: Unknown

Seconded by: Unknown

Motion was rejected by the floor

Article VI: To see what action, if any, the District will take on laying a tax of 3.90 mills on taxable property within the Hazardville Fire District to provide funds for the appropriation authorized under Article V.

RESOLUTION: Be it hereby resolved that the laying of a tax of 3.7 mills on taxable property within the Hazardville Fire District, to provide funds for the appropriations authorized under Article IV be hereby approved.

Presented by Unknown

Seconded by Unknown

Motion was rejected by the floor

At this point in the meeting, a call was made to the moderator to call the meeting to an end. Persons of the Commission and attorney on hand tried to no avail to explain that all the articles had to be acted on. This did not occur as the moderate accepted the motion and closed the meeting

There was no other business brought before said meeting, motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 10:21 PM.

Note: The attendance at this year's Annual Meeting was extremely larger than has ever showed-up. For purposes only to record historical data the crowd was estimated at over 400 persons and voting members to the district that registered to vote was 316 tax payers.

Secondly, because the crowd was large there were times that the clerk was un-able to accurately document all the proceeding.

That Respectfully Submitted by

Patrick Martin
Clerk