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SHAKER PINES FIRE DISTRICT # 5

A special meeting of the Shaker Pines Fire District and Hazardville Fire Department was held on Wednesday March 23,2022 at the fire station.

Those present were President Peter G. Burk, Vice President Guy Beck, Clerk Margaret Guyette, Commissioner Douglas Maxellon (virtually) , Commissioner Peter Burk, Fire Chief Jim Nolan, and Former Fire Chief Charles Macsata. Attending from Hazardville were Commissioner Mark Zarcaro, Commissioner Rich Tracz, Fire Chief Jack Flanagan and Deputy Chief Jamie Hurley. Also in attendance, virtually, were Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo and Attorney Bonnie Kumiega of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attorney DeCrescenzo and Attorney Kumiega have worked on the consolidation of Eagleville and Mansfield departments. There is currently a bill going through the State of Connecticut legislature, 21-12, that would reimburse some of the costs of consolidations for the fire departments, but it has yet to be approved by the legislature. Updike, Kelly & Spellacy would send an attorney to our committee meetings if requested. We should estimate that the attorney fees would be approximately \$ 60,000.

There are six working groups in the consolidation plan. We will need a paid Consolidation Co-Ordinator, that would oversee the groups and report back to the committee. It was estimated that this position would cost \$ 50,000 for the project. A suggestion was made that in our working groups, we should invite people from other departments to be involved. They would not have a vote in the final decisions. A commissioner from either department should be in charge of each of the working groups.

Working Groups:

Governance & Legal

Attorneys

Administration & Finance

Commissioner Tkacz

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| | | Commissioner Kozikowski |
| | | Commissioner Guyette |
| Operations/Deployment/Staffing | | Chief Flanagan |
| Benefits and Contractual | Items | Commissioner Peter G Burk |
| | | Commissioner Zarcaro |
| Fire Marshal | /Community Risk | Chief Nolan |
| Volunteer/Cadets/Training | | Deputy Chief Hurley |

The legal cost and the Co-Ordinator expense would be shared equally by both departments, estimating it at \$ 100,000. Both departments will include the monies in their budgets for the upcoming year, for the taxpayers to approve. Shaker Pines labor contract ends in 2024 and Hazardville contract ends in 2025.

Next meeting of the consolidation committee is April 18, 2022 at the Hazardville station.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Guyette
Clerk