

Mason's Island Fire District BOD Meeting – March 7, 2019

Attending: Jim McAuley, David Krupp, Bill Taylor, Ethan Tower, Kristin Foster, John Parry, Bob Banas, Tom Cooke and Lee Hisle. Not in attendance: Rufus Allyn and Tax Collector, Lydia Herd. President Jim McAuley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was present.

Clerk's Report: M/S/P approving the minutes from previous meeting, February 7, 2019.

President's Report: (a) There were two emergency calls in February, bringing the FY total to 20. (b) The bill for reconstruction of the guard house was re-sent with a return receipt requested. (c) YMCA Road Race – Jim sent a request to the YMCA for insurance information for the race to be held 6/16.

Treasurer's Report: Ethan Tower distributed updated Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports prior to the meeting. Line 40200 – Tick Tax payments have started coming in. It looks probable that 51200 – Unplanned Expenses-Named Storm Cleanup will not be used this year and the funds will be transferred to the Roads Budget. On the Balance Sheet, Line 21000 – Accrued Expense reflects the payment due for the accountant's review of MIFD's 2017-2018 FY financials, which has not been completed yet. M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report. Next month, Ethan will provide a preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year after reviewing it with Rufus Allyn and receiving the Fire Department's cost for the year. There was some discussion of the schedule for the traffic control officers. Last year's schedule ran from the beginning of May through Columbus Day. After some discussion, it was concluded that we would run from 5/1 to the end of September this year. The hourly rate was \$22.50 last year. Bob Banas noted that there were too many different traffic control officers last year and that he will ask that the rotation be limited to three this year.

Roads Report: Jim noted that the water pipe replacement was completed on Schoolhouse Road and that East Forest work was ongoing.

Unfinished Business: (a) Car Tax/Voter Eligibility – At the upcoming annual meeting, we will move to stop collecting car taxes. Car owners who rely on their car valuation for MIFD meeting voting eligibility will still have an asset on the grand list and will be liable and qualified to vote. (b) John Parry reported on some analysis that he completed regarding the options for continuing the community tick spraying program currently referred to as the Tick Tax. John described our options as (1) leave it to the individual property owners, or (2) MIFD conducts and pays for a spraying program on all of the properties in the district that do not opt out, so that the spraying becomes part of the services that MIFD performs, just like fire protection, etc. There will not be the option of billing property owners by MIFD going forward after the town

takes over collection of MIFD taxes. John noted that he uses a service that sets out six boxes on his property, twice a year, at a cost of about \$420. There was some enthusiastic discussion of using lady bugs for tick control. (c) Removal of a large rock on Yacht Club Road near Kathy Kennedy's house. – There was discussion of the various alternatives for dealing with Lou Allyn's request that the rock be removed. These included removing the rock, removing part of the rock, putting a reflector by the rock, and pushing the rock back. While no formal vote was taken, a straw poll revealed that seven board members preferred not taking any action. Jim received assent from the Board to see if the rock could be pushed away from the road a bit without removing anything. (d) East Forest Widening – removed from agenda. (e) Speed Limits – John Parry reported that he will be meeting with the Stonington Police chief about having the speed monitoring sign installed on Chippechaug Road for a while this spring.

New Business: Nominating Committee – The Board members whose terms are expiring this year are John Parry, Bill Taylor and David Krupp. All three said they would serve another term. There still needs to be a nominating committee to nominate them and find a new tax collector. Kristin Foster and Lee Hisle agreed to serve as the two Board members on the committee and to find the three non-Board members. Tom Cooke said he would attend the Committee's meetings with an eye to serving in the future. Jim noted that next year the Board members with expiring terms are Bob Banas, Ethan Tower and himself, and that he would not be staying on the Board after his term expires.

MIFD Meeting Calendar:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th, 5:30 pm at 18 Money Point Road.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted

Bill Taylor

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Accrual Basis

MIFD

2018-2019 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
40100 · Property Tax Income	215,572.43	214,500.00	1,072.43	100.5%
40200 · Ticks - Property Owners Income	7,168.32	23,000.00	-15,831.68	31.2%
40300 · Interest Income	400.97	500.00	-99.03	80.2%
40600 · Miscellaneous Income	25.00			
Total Income	223,166.72	238,000.00	-14,833.28	93.8%
Expense				
51000 · Roads & Public Works				
51100 · Road Maintenance				
51110 · Plowing	13,311.90	13,312.00	-0.10	100.0%
51120 · Clearing Trees & Brush	10,525.00	18,900.00	-8,375.00	55.7%
51130 · Mowing	6,120.00	13,800.00	-7,680.00	44.3%
51140 · Paving	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
51160 · Gravel Roads	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
51170 · Drainage	4,564.13	4,000.00	564.13	114.1%
51180 · Sweeping	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.0%
51181 · Signs	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
51189 · Miscellaneous Expense	3,351.41	2,500.00	851.41	134.1%
51190 · Management Fees	5,380.88	9,572.00	-4,191.12	56.2%
Total 51100 · Road Maintenance	43,253.32	73,384.00	-30,130.68	58.9%
51200 · Unplanned Expenses				
51210 · Named Storm Clean Up	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
51220 · Management Fees	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
Total 51200 · Unplanned Expenses	0.00	11,500.00	-11,500.00	0.0%
51300 · Capital Improvements				
51320 · Road Paving Projects	108,550.00	115,238.00	-6,688.00	94.2%
51390 · Management Fees	16,282.50	17,286.00	-1,003.50	94.2%
51400 · To Roads Reserve	0.00	16,110.00	-16,110.00	0.0%
51401 · From Roads Reserve	-124,832.50	-132,524.00	7,691.50	94.2%
Total 51300 · Capital Improvements	0.00	16,110.00	-16,110.00	0.0%
Total 51000 · Roads & Public Works	43,253.32	100,994.00	-57,740.68	42.8%
52000 · Ticks and Lyme Disease Program				
52110 · Ticks - Property Owners Expense	0.00	23,000.00	-23,000.00	0.0%
52120 · Ticks - Walk Expense	0.00	1,352.00	-1,352.00	0.0%
52200 · Lyme Disease Program	8,737.67	11,000.00	-2,262.33	79.4%
Total 52000 · Ticks and Lyme Disease Program	8,737.67	35,352.00	-26,614.33	24.7%
53000 · Other Expenses				
53100 · Fire Protection - MFD	47,529.00	47,529.00	0.00	100.0%
53110 · Fire Protection - CWC	7,679.91	13,925.00	-6,245.09	55.2%
53150 · Pond Maintenance	4,420.94	5,350.00	-929.06	82.6%
53200 · Insurance	10,241.16	10,500.00	-258.84	97.5%
53300 · Traffic Control and Safety	12,537.00	18,000.00	-5,463.00	69.7%
53500 · Review of Books	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
53600 · Property Tax on Parks	691.74	800.00	-108.26	86.5%
53700 · Utilities	253.94	550.00	-296.06	46.2%
53900 · Miscellaneous Expenses	1,279.30	2,500.00	-1,220.70	51.2%
Total 53000 · Other Expenses	84,632.99	101,654.00	-17,021.01	83.3%
Total Expense	136,623.98	238,000.00	-101,376.02	57.4%
Net Income	86,542.74	0.00	86,542.74	100.0%

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Accrual Basis

MIFD
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2019

	Jun 30, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Cash	24,415.54
11000 · Municipal Checking	297,077.18
13000 · Savings Account	
Total 10000 · Cash	321,492.72
Total Checking/Savings	321,492.72
Other Current Assets	22,020.97
11999 · Other Receivables	
Total Other Current Assets	22,020.97
Total Current Assets	343,513.69
Fixed Assets	48,600.00
19000 · Land	
Total Fixed Assets	48,600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	392,113.69
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	2,500.00
21000 · Accrued Expenses	
25000 · Reserve Funds	
25010 · Fire Reserve Fund	12,500.00
25020 · Catastrophe Reserve Fund	25,000.00
25030 · Roads Reserve Fund	126,594.61
Total 25000 · Reserve Funds	164,094.61
Total Other Current Liabilities	166,594.61
Total Current Liabilities	166,594.61
Total Liabilities	166,594.61
Equity	124,561.06
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	14,415.28
32000 · Retained Earnings	86,542.74
Net Income	
Total Equity	225,519.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	392,113.69