

# OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes September 25, 2013

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm on September 25, 2013 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

### Present:

Patricia St. Pierre, Alice Lavigne, Peter Leone, Richard Nolan, and Mike Cosetta, Chief Joe Bertholic and Commissioners Tom Demers and Ed Bertholic and Clerk Anne Chretien.

### Absent:

Albert Lavigne and Albert Lapierre

### A. Approval of Minutes

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived and accepted. **Motion** to accept the minutes was made by Patricia St. Pierre and seconded by Alice Lavigne. Unanimously voted I by all present.

### B. Commissioners Report

- RI Property Mtg. will be making a visit to winterize the irrigation system.
- Scituate Nurseries will advise us when the new lawn can be mowed after they check the progress of the growth of the lawn.
- The second closet has been installed and is in the finally stages of completion. The painting of the closet has been started and the closet doors need to be finished. Shelving has been installed.
- Electrical work has been completed on the roof over the two outside doors to prevent ice build-up in the winter.
- The new tractor/lawn mower has been delivered and was used by a couple of the men to get use to driving it.
- The old lawn mowers will be sold to interested parties of the OM Fire Dept.
- An ad for seeking bids for snowplowing will be placed in the Bargain Buyer and the calls will be referred to Tom Demers' cell number.
- Motion to accept the report made by Pete Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted I by all present.

### **C. Chief's Report**

- Chief's Incident Report (see attached). 40 runs. Turnout has been averaging 4 people per run which is a little better than in the past. One volunteer quit after the annual Field Day.
- C & S has sent a bill for over \$500.00 for brakes and wiper blades. The bill was for the work completed on Engine 13. This bill will not be paid until insurance adjuster for VIFS settles the matter and will get back to the Chief with a resolution on the total charges for all work completed.
- Engine 13 came back with a scratch on door as previously reported at prior meetings. Now it has been decided it will take a week to complete the work needed and C & S will do the work and give the Chief a date for pick-up and return of the truck. We should not have to pay for this again as it should have been part of the original estimate. C & S sublet the work to Metro Collision and there seems to be a problem between C & S and Metro Collision because Metro claims they didn't know to fix it. Pete Leone offered to call Metro Collision to get the matter resolved, but Chief Bertholic said he would call and if he does not get the matter resolved he will turn it over to Mr. Leone.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

### **D. Tax Assessors Report**

- Daniele International Inc. (#04-0198-00) was contacted regarding their tangibles. During the recent past we have not billed them for tangibles only real property. Mike Cosetta stated that after speaking with Susan in the office, it has been decided that we would bill for 50% of the total of \$81,013 which is \$40,507 the other half is billed by Pascoag Fire District.
- Motion to accept Tax Assessors Report made by Pat St. Pierre and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

### **E. Tax Collectors Report**

- Collections from 9/1/2013 to 08/28/2014 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$1,245.78. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$350,105.62. See attached report.
- The tax bills for 2013 will be printed during the next week and Richard Nolan will check with John Mainville at Burrillville Town Hall on the schedule for using

the equipment that will fold, stuff into an envelope and seal the envelope for the bills.

- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Pete Leone.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

#### **F. Treasurers Report**

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- The treasurer, Pat St. Pierre, delivered the records of 2012-2013 fiscal year to the auditors at Carlucci & Dugan. There are a few things remaining for taxes that need to be delivered. Hopefully the auditors turn-around time is faster than last year.
- Pat stated that in her opinion the ending balance at year end will not be as much as this years' balance.
- HFD & NFD has paid their portion of the finally telephone bill for 568-4411 Burrillville Dispatch number.
- No changes or questions regarding the report. See attached.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

#### **G. Old Business**

- Bob L'Esperance, Moderator said he wanted to thank the clerk, Anne Chretien, for the preparation work she completed for the Annual Meeting. This allowed the explanation to the tax-payers as to why the tax rate had to be raised because of the re-evaluation of properties in the town of Burrillville. By comparing some bills to last year's bill, it showed a majority of tax payers would see an overall decrease in their tax bill and a few would go up.
- By-law committee has not met yet to review if changes are needed.
- Mike Cosetta was nominated and won for Firefighter Hall of Fame as Fire Chief of the year of the RI State Firemen's League. Installation will be Oct 9, 2013 at Twin Oaks Restaurant in Cranston. Chief to do sign-up sheet for those attending by 9/30.
- Chief Bertholic stated that extra hours for per diem people will be increased now due to the fact that Aaron Doughty has accepted a full-time position at the airport. There are a couple of people interested in the per diem position here and the Chief will try to hire a replacement soon.

#### **H. New Business**

- Burrillville Police Department will honor citizens of the community on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Burrillville Middle School Auditorium at 6:30pm. OMF and other

departments from the town will get an award. This program was reinstated by the new Burrillville Police Chief Lynch. He is making a good impression in the community.

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Alice Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien