

OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes August 28, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:03 pm on August 28, 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, Chief Joe Bertholic and Commissioners Albert Lapierre, Tom Demers and Ed Bertholic and Clerk Anne Chretien.

Absent:

Albert Lavigne, Richard Nolan, and Mike Cosetta,

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

- Scituate Nurseries And RI Property Mtg. has completed the installation of irrigation system and hydro seeding of the lawn. Installed were 6 sprinkler heads per section.
- 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.
- A locking mail box has been purchased for dropping off tax payments. It will be installed on the outside of the building near the entrance soon.
- Tom Demers requested permission to purchase a new tracker/mower for about \$2500. to replace the current mowers that are always breaking down.
- Motion was made by Bob L'Esperance to purchase the mower/tracker for \$2500.
- Motion was seconded for Pat St.Pierre. Unanimously voted I by all present.

- Motion to accept the report made by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Pat St. Pierre. Unanimously voted I by all present.

C. Chief's Report

- Chief's Incident Report (see attached). 51 runs.. Turnout has been averaging 4 people per run which is a little better than in the past.
- The Suburban was used to attend training in Providence and broke down and had to be towed. It required 2 new batteries and the men installed them. Vehicle is back in use.
- C & S has sent a letter of apologies regarding the repair of Engine 13 in an effort to maintain a business relationship with OMF. See attached letter.
- Bill was received for the work completed on Engine 13 and is under review as it is much higher than the estimate. Insurance adjuster for VIFS is looking into the matter and will get back to the Chief with a resolution.
- Engine 13 came back with a scratch on door. It was looked at and the scratch was too deep to buff it out. C & S will do the work and give the Chief a date for pick-up and return of the truck.
- OMF received a \$500 check for fire act grant for hose and the purchase was completed.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Pat St. Pierre.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

D. Tax Assessors Report

- Tax Roll for 2013 was reviewed by all assessors and now the tangibles will need to be coded.
- Motion to accept Tax Assessors Report made by Pat St. Pierre and seconded by Pete Leone
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

E. Tax Collectors Report

- Collections from 9/1/2012 to 08/28/2013 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$335,307.61. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$24,759.48. See attached report.
- Tax Sale was held on August 15, and 5 properties were auctioned. \$5996.08 was collected, this amount also includes all fees and interest.
- Expenses involved with the Tax Sale were paid to different vendors.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Pete Leone and seconded by Alice Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

F. Treasurers Report

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- No changes or questions regarding the report. See attached.
- This budget should be pretty close to what is handed out to the tax-payers on 9/11/13.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Alice Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

G. Old Business

- Discussion about a new rescue truck was brought up by Chief Bertholic. He thinks that we should hold off another year with regard to the purchase. A new rescue is between \$185,000 and \$190,000 to purchase. In another year it would be about a 5% increase in price, but a lot of information needs research, ie. body type and model Chevy diesel – Ford F 450 cab – Dodge If you go with an International truck it would be about \$16,000 more. A rescue is about 8 years in service is what the committee wants to live with.
- It was suggested that a committee be appointed at the annual meeting to do a visibility study to recommend the best option for the department.
- Discussed was the open meeting law requirements. Peter Leone went to the office of the Secretary of State to ask questions. He was told that posting minutes on-line must be done and it was decided that we post minutes beginning with the Annual meeting. Cannot continue posting generic agenda when specific topics will be talked about at meetings. A password set up will be given so the clerk for the purpose to post meeting minutes and update agenda items.
- By-law committee has not met yet to review if changes are needed.
- Motion made by Pete Leone to spend \$75.00 to sponsor an ad in NFD Calendar. Seconded by Pat St.Pierre. Unanimously voted I by all present.
- 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.

H. New Business

- Commissioner Tom Demers term up but will run again for new term of 3 years. And Al Lavigne to run again.
- Motion was made by Alice Lavigne to move \$1200. to Building Mtn. line for electric work by Craig Haddad. Seconded by Pete Leone .
- Unanimously voted I by all present.
- Discussion was held regarding snow plowing around the OMFd station because this year Ed Bertholic will not be plowing. It was agreed that the job would go out for bid. An ad will be worked on by Tom Demers and the Chief.
- The committee will gather at 7pm on September 11, 2013 to finalize the new budget prior to the annual meeting.

- Pete Leone expressed his and the committees thanks and appreciation for the work done by the clerk in the last year.
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Alice Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien