

OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes November 27, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm on November 27, 2013 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

Present:

Alice Lavigne, Peter Leone, Richard Nolan, Patricia St.Pierre and Mike Cosetta, and Commissioners Warren Steere and Ed Bertholic and Clerk Anne Chretien.

Absent:

Albert Lavigne and Tom Demers and Chief Joe Bertholic

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 Pat St.Pierre and seconded by Alice Lavigne. Unanimously voted I by all present.

B. Commissioners Report

- Commissioners Warren Steere and Tom Demers have recommended to the OMF D Operating Committee, CWP Inc. Proposal A. (See attached)
- After discussing the bid it was determined that they would need to know what constitutes a "storm". It was felt that the way the bid was written it could be very costly depending on the winter we have.
- All bids were reviewed by the committee. JNM Transportation LLC, Custom Wood Products, Inc., Northeast Auto Recycling, Inc. and P&R Construction Co.,Inc.
- Motion was made by Peter Leone to award the contract to JNM Transportation LLC at \$200.00 per storm, to be paid with monthly invoice. Motion was seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.
- Sanding will be provided as in past years.
- Letters to be sent to all the bidders notifying them of the decision.
- Motion to accept the report made by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Pete Mike Cosetta . Unanimously voted I by all present.

C. Chief's Report

- In the Chief's absence, notes were read at the meeting by Anne Chretien, Clerk:
 - Eng 11 – preventive maintenance was completed by Scotts Mobile on Tuesday, November 26, 2013
 - Chief's car is painted and will be picked up next week.
 - OM Fire Department has formed a committee and they are working on a recruit and retention plan for department members.
 - Harrisville Fire Department Chief to discuss with other town fire departments regarding merger and/or EMS merger and separate from districts.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Alice Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

D. Tax Assessors Report

- No report to give.

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 \$218,689.53. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$125,116.45. See attached report.
- The Albert Green Estate that was assumed by the District a tax sale in 2012 will be looked into in regards to foreclosing on the property and taking ownership. This property is still being researched by Richard Nolan for a right of way onto the property. To foreclosure on the property could be \$2500. in attorney fees plus other fees and unforeseen costs.
- Tax Sale Contract with RI Tax Titles, LLC for 2014 was received and a motion was made by Pat St. Pierre to accept the contract and seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted I by all present.
- When UCC liens are filed in the future two fees of \$16.00 each or current fee will be charged up front to record the lien and release of the lien with the Town of Burrillville.
- The Board of Directors of the Maplehill Mobile Home Park Resident's Association is working the the Town of Burrillville regarding 5 properties that owe taxes to the town and have been abandoned. Properties are: 15 Maplewood Dr., 20 Maplewood Dr., 23 Oak Terrace, 32 Hillside Dr., and 17 Rexmere Rd. (See attached) When there is a decision in this matter it could affect the district taxes owed.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Alice Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

F. Treasurers Report

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- Treasurer, Patricia St. Pierre reported that checking account balance at RI Credit Union stands at \$247, 952.54, as of this date and this balance is too high. The treasurer suggested opening a savings account at Navigant Credit Union.
- Motion was made by Peter Leone to take \$100,000.00 out of RI Credit Union and open a savings account at Navigant Credit Union.
Mike Cosetta seconded the motion.
Unanimously voted I by all present.
- The auditors still have all records for fiscal year 9/1/2012 thru 8/31/2013 and are still working on completing the audit. Hopefully it will be finished soon.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta .
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

G. Old Business

- Check from Daniele Inc. in the amount of \$94,000.00 was received by Fire Marshalls Lori Poirier/Chief Joe Bertholic for plan review. These are the plans for the new facility being built in the industrial park off Bronco Hwy in Mapleville. The committee members discussed paying a stipend to both Fire Marshalls because of the extensive work this project requires of them both. Other Fire Marshalls in town get between \$25/\$30 an hour for their time. They should produce a time sheet that would reflect hours worked on these plans. The check will be put in a separate account at Navigant Credit Union until such time as a determination is made of how the money will be used. Pat St.Pierre will discuss this situation with James Dugan, CPA of Carlucci & Dugan.

H. New Business

- Discussed was an editorial from the Valley Breeze dated Nov 14-20, 2013 by Publisher Tom Ward regarding fire districts. It was regarding a ruling against Manville Fire District and the Open Meetings Act, that the MFD thought it did not have to follow. It was felt by Ed Bertholic that this should be addressed by the committee and to stand up for the district. That all fire districts are not run like Manville. Maybe a letter to the editor. No decision was made.
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk