

# OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes December 18, 2013

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm on December 18, 2013 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

### Present:

Albert Lavigne, Patricia St.Pierre and Mike Cosetta; and Commissioner Warren Steere, Chief Joe Bertholic and Clerk Anne Chretien.

### Absent:

Alice Lavigne, Peter Leone, Richard Nolan, and Commissioner Ed Bertholic and Tom Demers.

### 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 Albert Lavigne. Unanimously voted I by all present.

### B. Commissioners Report

- The closet constructed by volunteers is complete. Shelves have been installed and painted or stained. Equipment/supplies from the training room have been placed in the closet. The training room has been painted and is in the process of being reorganized.
- Roof and gutter de-icing kits that were purchased need to be returned because the kits can't be used on metal roofs.
- Motion to accept the report made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Albert Lavigne. Unanimously voted I by all present.

### C. Chief's Report

- The run report includes two months because the report was not presented last month. There were 122 runs. (See attached report). There were no fires.
  - Eng 11 – preventive maintenance was completed by Scotts Mobile on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. It was discovered during this maintenance

that Eng.11 will need an exhaust system. Overall the truck is in good shape.

- Medic 1 will have preventive maintenance completed this month.
  - Another accident with Eng 13 – VFIS has been contacted. The rear bumper will need to be straightened out. Another vehicle was involved and sustained damage.
  - OM Fire Department has formed a committee and they are working on a recruit and retention plan for department members. The Chief asked that a member of the Operating Committee be appointed to be on the committee and Mike Cosetta accepted the position.
  - OM Fire Department may have to expand area of coverage for volunteer's to come from by 5mi. to increase numbers, but this would not happen without approval from OM Fire District Operating Committee, for example.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Albert Lavigne and seconded by Pat St.Pierre.
  - 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 \$241,974.36. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$101,867.53. See attached report.
- The Board of Directors of the Maplehill Mobile Home Park Resident's Association is working 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. A request was made for the clerk to suspend these balances from the Trial Balance to more accurately reflect taxes that can be collected until a decision is reached with the town and Maplehill Mobile Home Park Resident's Association. The decision will more than likely affect the district's ability to collect balances owed.  
Motion was made by Mike Cosetta to suspend these accounts and seconded by Albert Lavigne. Unanimously voted I by all present.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Pat St. Pierre.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

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

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.

- Treasurer, Patricia St. Pierre reported that the opening a savings account at Navigant Credit Union has not yet taken place due to personal issues and the availability to meet with Moderator Bob L'Esperance. She stated that she will open the account on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Albert Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

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

- By-Laws committee will meet first of the new year.
- Donation of \$100.00 in Doris Lapierre's name will be given to Beacon Hospice.

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

- OM Firemen's Banquet will be held on February 7, 2014 at the Townsman's Club in Mapleville.
- OM Firemen's Children's Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – all members are invited.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm was made by Pat St. Pierre and seconded by Albert Lavigne.

Unanimously voted I by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk