

OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes March 26, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:06 pm on March 26, 2014 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

Present:

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

Absent: Albert Lavigne, Alice Lavigne and Commissioner 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 Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

B. Commissioners Report

- Osterman Propane repaired heater ignition switch on one side of the fire station.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Patricia St.Pierre. Seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

C. Chief's Report

- There were 42 runs. (See attached report).
- February 2014 runs averaged 3 personnel per call. This figure is down from last month's average.
- Per Diem hours for some were higher than usual due to some personnel not available to work.
- All trucks are running fine.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Peter Leone and seconded by Patricia St.Pierre. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

D. Tax Assessors Report

- Street light at Bella's Restaurant as you enter the road that connects Victory Hwy to Bronco Hwy has been installed. Other lights that are out have been reported to National Grid.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors Report by Patricia 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 \$293,199.25 as of March 20, 2014. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$56,590.42. See attached report.
- Delinquent taxes have been collected from the new owners of Mr. Doughboy Restaurant which was sold at auction in January 2014.
- Reviewed was a list of 32 delinquent tax payers being considered for the Tax Sale.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Patricia St.Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

F. Treasurers Report

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- The Audit Report from Carlucci & Dugan for year ending August 31, 2013 was review by the Committee.
- Pat St.Pierre reported on the question of TDI for clerk Anne Chretien. It was explained by Rob Chamberlain of Chamberlain & Co. that all employees had to have TDI or none could have TDI. Therefore his answer was no; the clerk could not participate in TDI. It was discussed to look into possibly giving the clerk sick days when needed. Further discussion will take place at budget time. Chief Bertholic to look into what other districts offer to employees.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

G. Old Business

- By-Laws committee did not meet in March.
- In April the committee researching the acquisition of a new Rescue will meet. This committee will look into sharing information with the Pascoag Fire District who is also looking into purchasing a new Rescue. It was learned that the Harrisville Fire District may also be looking to purchase a rescue vehicle. If efforts are combined between the districts, it may benefit the companies on the price of the vehicles.

- Reconsideration of action taken by Operating Committee at February 26, 2014 meeting with respect to a request made by an OMF D taxpayer to return fire district tax payment made by the taxpayer's lending institution to the taxpayer's lending institution.
 - Motion was made by Peter Leone to not reconsider the request and leave the payment from the taxpayer's lending institution stand as accepted.
 - The motion had no second – the motion failed.
 - Motion was made by Richard Nolan to reverse the decision made at February 26, 2014 meeting and use the money sent by the homeowner to apply to the taxes and penalty owed and refund the lending institution their money.
 - The motion was seconded by Patricia St.Pierre.
 - Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

H. New Business

No new business discussed.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:28 pm was made by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Mike Cosetta.

Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk