

# OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes JULY 23, 2014

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:12 pm on July 23, 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, Mike Cosetta and Albert Lavigne; Commissioners Ed Bertholic, Warren Steere and Tom Demers; and Clerk Anne Chretien.

**Absent:** Chief Joe Bertholic and Alice Lavigne

### 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 Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

### B. Commissioners Report

- Two new mail boxes were installed by Warren Steere this week.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Patricia St.Pierre. Seconded by Richard Nolan. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

### C. Chief's Report

- N/A

### D. Tax Assessors Report

- Tax Roll for 2014 will be ordered from Vision Government Solutions by the clerk.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors report was made by Richard Nolan and seconded by Patricia St.Pierre.

### **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 \$313,242.33 as of July 17, 2014. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$38,191.16. See attached report.
- The list for the Tax Sale scheduled for July 31, 2014 stands at 7 delinquent tax payers, down from 32. See attached list.
- Discussion was held regarding the new law for financial reporting that the State of Rhode Island legislator has passed. R. Nolan attended a preliminary meeting of how the reporting may take place. A formal meeting will take place on July 30<sup>th</sup> at CCRI campus in Warwick which R. Nolan will attend.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

### **F. Treasurers Report**

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- The treasurer stated that the amount of \$11,677. was transferred to Capital Improvements-Equipment as voted at the Annual Meeting it represents general fund excess of revenues over expenditures as stated in the auditor's report for year-end 31 August 2013.
- Transfer of funds from Navigant CU to Per Diem account to cover the Fire Marshalls fees and payroll taxes was made. Another transfer from Navigant CU Money Market Account was made into the RI Credit Union checking account to cover the automatic debit for the mortgage payment in August.
- 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 June or July.
- Rescue Truck committee has had meetings and looked at a Ford with 4 wheel drive the cost was \$210,000. The committee did not think 4 wheel drive was needed. The GMC Chevy was looked at by the committee and the feeling is that this rescue would be the most comfortable for the patient. We are looking at different cabs and chasses. The stretcher and the mounting system for the stretcher is still the main concern. The added cost will be about \$30,000. to the cost of the new rescue. Checking with the State of RI Dept. of Health to see if we can get a variance. NFPA may have more stringent rules regarding this matter. If we can get away without the new stretcher and mounting system, the cost would be \$170,000 - \$180,000. Hope to have a recommendation for the annual meeting in September, but if the committee doesn't we could still put off the purchase for

- another year. The rescue vehicle in use now is running good. Some companies recommend gas over diesel.
- Bob L'Esperance has contacted by Brad Preston of VFIS and has set a meeting for July 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the cost of all insurances held by them for OMF. A conference call will try to be arranged with Heather Orwig to discuss LOSAP on the same night. Bob requested the clerk to handle the arrangements for this call.

## H. New Business

- An email was received on July 16, 2014, by the clerk regarding - Rhode Island Employee Tax Compliance Act –a new law passed by the General Assembly regarding reporting requirements for all fire districts. It requests a list of all public employees as of July 1, 2014. The list is to include elected officials, appointed officers and employees. It must be electronically submitted on or before August 1, 2014. The list has been complied and will be emailed to Peter Leone to complete. The instructions indicate the disk to be mailed and be password protected. Peter will complete this task and give a copy of the disk to the clerk.
- The Attorney General's Office will hold a seminar on Open Meeting Law at Roger Williams University Law School in Bristol on August 1, 2014. R. Nolan will attend on behalf of OMF.
- **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Al Lavigne.

Unanimously voted "T" by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk