

OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes AUGUST 27, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm on August 26, 2014 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

Present: Richard Nolan, Patricia St.Pierre, Mike Cosetta and Albert Lavigne; Chief Joe Bertholic; **Commissioners** Warren Steere and Tom Demers; and Clerk Anne Chretien.

Absent: Alice Lavigne, Peter Leone, Commissioner Ed Bertholic

Guest: Capt. Mike McGrane, OMF

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 Richard Nolan. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

B. Commissioners Report

- Received 2 written bids for paving and striping the parking area for the fire station. At this time awaiting a 3rd bid, then a decision will be made to award the job. Capital Improvement- Building will be used to make the payment.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Patricia St.Pierre. Seconded by Albert Lavigne. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

C. Chief's Report

- Runs for the month was 74 and the year-to-date figure is 422. (See attached report.)
- Medic 1 – won't start when warm. Scott's Mobile Repair has not figured out what is causing this issue. He will continue looking into it. The air-conditioner was repaired – a coolant line at a cost of \$330.
- Engine 13 – serviced in this year's budget. The dump valve for Engine 13 is a three valve with shoots. Suggestion was made that shoots be stored on top of the truck. This would not work in the Chief's opinion. To resolve the problem the

back step of the truck could be replaced with a 26" rear step and fasten the shoots on the step. East Coast Valve made the proposal and would credit OMFD \$500 from last year's budget because the work has not been completed to date. \$1100. would come out of Capital Improvement –Equipment to complete the work.

- Nasonville Fire Dept. borrowed Rescue 1 for about a two week period. Acting Chief Mike Gingell is tracking the mileage used by NFD. By the end of this meeting I expect another request as their rescue is being towed from Rt 146 now.
- September 6th & 7th RI Assoc. of Fire Chiefs is holding a Retention & Recruitment Workshop at Courtyard Hotel in Providence. No cost to attend the workshop. Members of the operating committee are eligible to attend.
- Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Al Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

D. Tax Assessors Report

- Tax Roll for 2014 has been reviewed by Assessors Mike Cosetta and Albert Lavigne.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors report was made by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Richard Nolan.
- 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 \$323,118.87 as of August 21, 2014. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$32,823.58. See attached report.
- The Tax Sale was held on July 31, 2014, and 4 delinquent tax properties were put up for sale. Three of the four sold to the top bidder. Collected was \$3529.09.
- The date for 2015 tax sale will again be at the end of July. This time frame works better then the end of August or September as in previous years.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Al Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

F. Treasurers Report

- All bills are paid and up-to-date. Some utility bills will be needed to pay out of the current budget, but won't come in until September.

- Motion was made by Patricia St.Pierre to pay the remaining balance in the Tax Collection – Clerk Salary account to be paid to the Clerk Anne Chretien. Seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted “I” by all present.
- Hearing no questions, a motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted “I” by all present.

G. Old Business

- By-Laws committee did not meet in August.
- Rescue Truck committee has had meetings and the GMC Chevy was looked at by the committee and the feeling is that this rescue would be the most comfortable for the patient. It has automatic transmission and uses diesel fuel. 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. We are still 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.
- Specialty Vehicles Inc. of Attleboro, MA and Eastford Truck Sales, of Eastford CT are the companies we are working with for the purchase.
- One bid received on this rescue was \$207,247.
- Still trying to work with other Fire Departments-No. Smithfield, Harrisville and Pascoag. Pascoag FD may refurbish there rescue rather than purchase a new one.
- Specs have been sent to other vendors to get at least three bids.
- Funds for purchase of rescue are in Capital Improvement- Equipment, cost not to exceed \$210,000.
- Volunteers for OMFD Recruitment & Retention program was presented again in draft form – converting dollars to points. See attached report.

H. New Business

- The 55th OMFD Firemen’s Muster to be held at the Oakland Triangle on Sunday, August 31st.
- Mike Cosetta spoke with a resident of the district regarding a proposal for adding street lights for individuals who want lights for their property and cannot make the request directly to National Grid. Discussion followed and the matter was tabled until the new fiscal year so more research on the subject with National Grid can be completed by the committee.

- The use of the station's meeting room for a polling place during primary and regular voting was discussed. The Chief feels it is inconvenient at times for the voting machines to be stored for two weeks at the station.
- A request from Nasonville FD was received by the Chief to use our back-up rescue at the close of the meeting
- **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm was made by Al Lavigne and seconded by Al Lavigne.

Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk