

# OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes APRIL 22, 2015

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm on April 22, 2015 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

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

**Absent:** Leigha Joyal

### A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were sent to all members for review prior to posting on the RI Secretary of State's web-site.

**Motion** was made by Mike Cosetta to approve and waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes and seconded by Pat St. Pierre.

Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

### B. Commissioners Report

- Tom Demers mentioned that Keyway Corp that built the fire station is out of business now so cannot be contacted with regards to the roof of the station being repaired. Several contractors have been contacted. The rubber insulation at the end of the roof eaves need to be cemented in so birds cannot pull them out.
- Contacted the landscape management system to turn the irrigation system on for the front lawn.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Al Lavigne and seconded by Pete Leone.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

### C. Chief's Report

- Runs for the month were 52. (See attached report.)
- We are averaging 4 persons per run. Total responders 192.
- Rescue 1 needed batteries replaced, this was handled by Scott's Mobile Repair.

- Pascoag second rescue truck was out service and PFD borrowed our rescue, but our rescue overheated on a run and PFD had it towed to Scott's Mobile for repair. Pascoag will pay the repair bill. Hope to use the back-up rescue for minimum service until it's traded in.
- When asked if there are runs that OMFd does not respond to, the Chief commented that runs not responded to by the department will be tracked so he can report on it at the meetings.
- Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Pete Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

#### **D. Tax Assessors Report**

N/A

#### **E. Tax Collectors Report**

- Collections from 9/1/2014 to 08/31/2015 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$343,109.23 as of April 22, 2015. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$56,125.15. See attached report.
- Tax Sale List - The list of tax payers who are two years or more delinquent were presented to the committee. Thirty-eight (38) properties. The tax sale is scheduled for July 30, 2015.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Al Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

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

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- New account was set up for the Forestry Truck expenses.
- Patricia St.Pierre, Treasurer suggested that when it comes time to pay for the new rescue truck, that the JM Scott-Capital Equipment be closed out because it is only earning .01% in interest.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented was made by Pete Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

## **G. Old Business**

- By-Laws committee did not meet this month and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, at 6:30pm.
- Forestry Truck Update- Two weeks ago, Chief Bertholic, Tom Demers and Warren Steere went to inspect the progress being made on painting the truck at the ACI paint shop. It looks great so far and it should be painted by the end of next week. The new wheels for the truck are there and should also be painted. We may get a call next week to pick it up. The truck should be ready for service in the fall of this year.
- Storage/Training Building Update- The lumber is in and possibly this coming week-end the building could be started. Colin Fenner is team leader of the construction crew.
- NML Ins- Pete Leone reported that the policy was surrendered on October 24, 2003 and the value at the time was \$934.31. The policy had lapsed and the owner of the policy was OMF. The fire fighter in question had 11 years with the department and resigned from OMF. This discussion was tabled to research further with VFIS. Bob L'Esperance is to call and ask what happens when there is a break in service. The fire fighter has now rejoined the department in the fall of 2014.
- Roof Ice Dams- Three bids were received for adding heat to the gutter system to prevent the problems with ice faced this year. What is the insurance deductible with VFIS? This will be researched. The discussion was tabled until next months meeting.

## **H. New Business**

- Town wide meeting of Fire Districts – meeting held Tuesday, April 21. Bob did not attend and Liegh Joyal is away on business.

## **I. Public Comment**

- None

## **J. Notifications and Announcements**

- Check was received from Mark Brizard for payment of the property at Victory Highway. The transfer of the property is now complete.
- Thank You card from Pat St.Pierre and family was received.
- Mike Cosetta was contacted regarding possible legislation to be passed for supplying power for street lights which could reduce expenses. He should be getting more information.

## **K. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm was made by Pete Leone and seconded by Al Lavigne.

Unanimously voted “Aye” by all present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anne Chretien