

# OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes MAY 27, 2015

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm on May 27, 2015 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

**Present:** Mike Cosetta, Albert Lavigne, Leigha Joyal, Peter Leone, Patricia St.Pierre; Commissioner Tom Demers, Warren Steere; and Clerk Anne Chretien

**Absent:** Ed Bertholic, Richard Nolan, Chief Joe Bertholic

### A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 22, 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 Al Lavigne to approve and waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes and seconded by Mike Cosetta.

Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

### B. Commissioners Report

- Hallways and both restrooms have been painted by OMFd member Lori Poirier. She is doing an outstanding job. Next painting project will be of the meeting room.
- REP Construction sealed all the holes in the fire station roof.
- The tractor used to mow the lawn is at Norfolk for repair. The bearing is gone again and now we are waiting for the part. Hope to have it back by Friday.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Al Lavigne and seconded by Pat St. Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

### C. Chief's Report

- Runs for the month were 67. (See attached report.)
- We are averaging 4 persons per run.
- In a report read by Bob L'Esperance, as the Chief was not at the meeting, it was noted that between January to May, 14 calls were not covered. Going forward concern for calls not covered will have to be monitored.

- Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Pat St.Pierre and seconded by Al Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

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

- Two abatements were approved.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors Report was made by Pat St.Pierre and seconded by Pete Leone.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

#### **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 \$354,985.45 as of May 21, 2015. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$45,585.24. See attached report.
- Tax Sale List - The list of tax payers who are two years or more delinquent were presented to the committee now stands at 13 down from 38. The tax sale is scheduled for July 30, 2015.
- Due to the unexpected surgery of the tax collector, Richard Nolan, an interim tax collector should be named to act on his behalf if circumstances arise.
- Motion was made by Peter Leone to name Mike Cosetta, acting tax collector, until Richard Nolan's return. The motion was seconded by Pat St.Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.
- Clerk, Anne Chretien, attended the RI Tax Collectors Assoc. meeting May 19, 2015. Discussed was the law that allows Income Tax Refund Offset Program. RI State Law 42-142-7. It states that we have the right to collect past due taxes through the state by claiming the tax payers tax refund. The Town of Burrillville participates in this program. If nothing else a letter to delinquent tax payers stating we will take part or all of their income tax refund may convince them to pay.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Al Lavigne and seconded by Leigha Joyal.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

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

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

- It was noted by the Treasurer, that both insurance accounts are short due to an increase in the policies.
- The bill for the new rescue was received from Specialty Vehicles, Inc. in the amount of \$203,083.00. This payment is due to them on Monday, June 15, 2015 when Chief Bertholic and some members of the department go to Specialty Vehicles to inspect the rescue. Patricia St.Pierre, Treasurer suggested that monies from the JM Scott-Capital Equipment be used and the account be closed out because it is only earning .01% in interest. These funds will be deposited in OMFD checking account at RI Credit Union.
- Motion was made by Leigha Joyal to close out the JM Scott-Capital Equipment account and withdraw the needed funds from the Citizen Bank account for a total of \$203,083.00. Motion was seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted “Aye” by all present.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented was made by Pete Leone and seconded by Al Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted “Aye” by all present.

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

- By-Laws committee did not meet this month and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30pm.
- Forestry Truck Update- The truck arrived at the station two weeks ago and the paint job looks outstanding. The truck will now be worked on for issues with wiring and other issues that need to be addressed.
- Storage/Training Building Update- Progress on the building has been slow. Peter Leone volunteered to schedule a truck with a crane to be on the premises to lift the trusses into place for the roof. This will be coordinated by Colin Fenner notifying Pete a week before this task needs to be performed. Leigha Joyal will contact Colin Fenner.
- NML Ins- tabled until next meeting.
- Roof Ice Dams- The discussion was tabled until next month’s meeting.

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

- Town wide meeting of Fire Districts – meeting held Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Liegh Joyal attended the meeting. Discussed was held re: joint purchasing will not take place; retention and recruitment of volunteers; joint training for all of the districts; meet and greet with state representatives and senators that represent all the districts, to be held on October 27, 2015 at Uncle Ronnie’s, cost to be split by the districts; stipend was mentioned for the clerk of the district wide committee. No motion was made to a lot funds for the meet and greet or the clerk. The next meeting for this group will be September 22, 2015 at 6:15pm at Jesse M Smith Memorial Library.

**I. Public Comment**

- Tom Demers said that at the district's annual meeting in September consideration should be given to voting any surplus funds from the budget after the auditor's report is issued that these funds be put in the Capitol Building Fund.

**J. Notifications and Announcements**

- The Annual Firemen's Memorial Sunday will be held on June 14, 2015. The parade will be in Pascoag and there will be a picnic at the OMFD station starting around 3:30pm. All members of the operating committee and their families are invited. Please RSVP the week before to Chief Bertholic the number and choice of chicken or steak for your meal.

**K. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm was made by Leigha Joyal and seconded by Al Lavigne.

Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anne Chretien, Office Clerk