

OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes JULY 22, 2015

Opening:

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

Present: Mike Cosetta, Richard Nolan, Albert Lavigne; Commissioners Tom Demers, Ed Bertholic; and Office Clerk Anne Chretien

Absent: Peter Leone, Patricia St.Pierre, Leigha Joyal, Warren Steere and Chief Joe Bertholic

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 24, 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 Albert Lavigne.

Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

B. Commissioners Report

- The tractor used to mow the lawn was repaired by Norfolk Power Equipment at a cost of \$286.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Albert Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

C. Chief's Report

- Runs for the month were 37. (See attached report.)
- We are averaging 5 persons per run.
- Report read by Bob L'Esperance, as the Chief was not at the meeting.
- Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Al Lavigne 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 \$375,651.85 as of July 22, 2015. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$29,244.74. 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 2 down from 38. The tax sale is scheduled for July 30, 2015.
- We have contracted with Vision Government Solutions to print and mail the Tax Bills for 2015. This should save the District money.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Albert Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted “Aye” by all present.

F. Treasurers Report

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- The Treasurer did not have the opportunity to look into the rates being paid on funds in the Capital Improvement- Equipment accounts. This will be completed by the next meeting, so that a decision can be made next month as to where the monies will be transferred from to cover the costs for the Forestry Truck.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Al Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted “Aye” by all present.

G. Old Business

- By-Laws committee did not meet this month.
- Forestry Truck Update- Progress has been made by Troy Phillips on fixing a couple of valves and Aaron Doughty is almost finished with the lighting and radios.
- Storage/Training Building Update- Progress is slow, but one and a half walls have been put in place of the past week. 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. This offer is still in place.

- Roof Ice Dams- VFIS sent a check in the amount of \$5900. to cover the cost to repair the roof damage from the ice this past winter. This work will be completed in September.
- Rescue Truck Update- Rescue 1 is in service. All equipment has been put on it and it is in use. Minor bugs with the truck but the dealer has been out and taken care of them as they occurred.

H. New Business

- Budget workshop was set-up for Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:00pm

I. Public Comment

- None

J. Notifications and Announcements

- None

K. Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Albert Lavigne
- Unanimously voted “Aye” by all present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anne Chretien, Office Clerk