

OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes AUGUST 26, 2015

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm on August 26, 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 Peter Leone, Patricia St.Pierre, Leigha Joyal; Commissioners Tom Demers, Ed Bertholic Warren Steere; Chief Joe Bertholic and Office Clerk Anne Chretien

Absent: None

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 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 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

- REP Construction will begin repairing the roof within the next two weeks.
- One bid was received for the roof to be built over the door way at the office entrance.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Albert Lavigne and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

C. Chief's Report

- Runs for the month were 58. (See attached report.)
- We are averaging 4 persons per run.
- The OM Fire Dept. received grant money in the amount of \$87,523.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This was announced by Sens. Reed, Whitehouse and Rep Langevin on August 13, 2015. The funds will be used to purchase cardiac equipment. The departments match is about \$4400.00.

- Engine 11 has a leak in a pipe elbow; it needs to be out of service when it is fixed. Troy Phillips will do a temporary fix.
- Call pay – needs to be completed. I don't have any figures yet.
- Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Leigha Joyal.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

D. Tax Assessors Report

- 2015 Tax Roll was received and reviewed. Tangibles have been reviewed also.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors report was made by Patricia 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 \$376,551.49 as of August 26, 2015. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$24,782.55. See attached report.
- Tax Sale - the tax sale took place on July 30, 2015. Two properties were sold at the sale.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Albert Lavigne and seconded by Patricia St.Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

F. Treasurers Report

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- The Treasurer looked into the rates being paid on funds in the Capital Improvement- Equipment accounts. The rates are .02% on Money Market- .05% for CD. She will look to other savings accounts to see if we can earn a higher rate of interest.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

G. Old Business

- By-Laws committee did not meet this month.

- Forestry Truck Update N/A
- Storage/Training Building Update- Progress is slow.
- Rescue Truck Update- Rescue 1 is in service.

H. New Business

- Two members of the Operating Committee will not be up for re-election at the District's annual meeting on September 9, 2015. The positions of Clerk and Tax Assessor.

I. Public Comment

- None

J. Notifications and Announcements

- OM Fire Dept. Field Day will happen on Sunday, September 6, 2015.
- On September 22, 2015, the four fire districts of Burrillville will have a meet & greet at Uncle Ronnie's Restaurant in Nasonville at 6pm with State Senators & Representatives from Burrillville. All member of the operating committee are invited to attend. RSVP- Michael Gingell.

K. Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Patricia St.Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "Aye" by all present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anne Chretien, Office Clerk