

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 20, 2012. President Vagts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed. In attendance were Pres. Vagts Comm. J. Peel, A. Peel, Donahue. Absent: Commissioner J. Watkins and Attorney Richard Braslow. Eight members of the public were in attendance. Adequate notice of this meeting of the District No. 4 Board of Fire Commissioners of Old Bridge Township has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting by (1) faxing an announcement to the Municipal Clerk giving the time, date, location and agenda of this meeting, and (2) faxing such announcement to the Home News and Star Ledger.

M/J. Peel S/Donahue to accept the November meeting minutes.
The minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting was accepted.
Yes-(Vagts, J. Peel, Donahue,) No-0 Abstain-1(A. Peel) Absent-1(Watkins)
3-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain 1-Absent

M/A. Peel S/Donahue) to pay bills as presented with the Commissioners abstaining from their respective bills.
Yes-(J. Peel, A. Peel, Vagts, Donahue,) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1(Watkins)
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent

M/Donahue S/A. Peel to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.
Yes-(A. Peel, Vagts, Donahue) No-0 Abstain-1 (J. Peel) Absent-1(Watkins)
3-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain 1-Absent

Insurance Report

None

Equipment Report

Given by Comm. Donahue
Flow test due
\$250.00 credit for boots
Inventory in progress

Chief's Report

Chief Guarnera. List attached.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

F/F F. Giacolone absent. List attached.

Correspondence

Government Connect information
Fire District election criteria and schedule
Insurance follow up – compensation

Information needed by bank for Fire Prevention vehicle
Letter pertaining to the BOFC website

Old Business

M/Donahue S/A. Peel to adopt Resolution 12-19 Adopting 2013 Budget
Yes-(Vagts, Donahue, J. Peel, A. Peel) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Watkins)
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent
Website is being developed
Fire Company lease – to be discussed after extension construction is complete
Fire fighter salaries – meeting to be arranged

New Business

M/Donahue S/ J. Peel to adopt Resolution 12-20 Budget Transfers and/or Encumbrances.
Yes-(Vagts, Donahue, J. Peel, A. Peel) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-(Watkins)
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent
M/Donahue S/ J. Peel to adopt Resolution 12-21 Temporary Budget.
Yes-(Vagts, Donahue, J. Peel, A. Peel) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-(Watkins)
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent
BOFC election is February 16, 2013, hours are from 2 PM to 9 PM. Comm. Donahue to cover the polling station
M/Donahue S/A. Peel Outgoing Chief Anthony Guanera asked the Board for permission to keep his Chief's helmet and front plate.
Yes-(Vagts, Donahue, J. Peel, A. Peel) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent 1 (Watkins)
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent
FF Graeves receiving bills for his compensation case when he was hurt at Auto Zone on Nov. 21, 2012. Other comp cases pending are FF K. Sheetz and FF John Watkins, Jr.

Public Portion

Flow test schedule – FF Rob Reed
CO2 bottles – FF K. McLaughlin
Request for petition for Commissioner election

M/Donahue S/ J. Peel to adopt Resolution 12-22 closing the meeting to the public.
Yes-(Vagts, Donahue, J. Peel, A. Peel) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-(WWatkins)
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent

Discussion:

Discussed personnel matters
Qualified drivers assigned to each truck
Clothing allowances, evaluations
Black Friday
2% salary cap for paid fire fighters
M/Donahue S/A. Peel to come out of closed session.
Yes-(Vagts, Donahue, J. Peel, A. Peel) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Watkins)
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent

M/J. Peel S/A. Peel to adjourn meeting.

Yes- (J. Peel, A. Peel, Vagts, Donahue) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Watkins)

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent

Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Peel
Secretary/Clerk
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