

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 17, 2013. President Vagts called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed. In attendance were Pres. Vagts Comm., A. Peel, Donahue, Watkins, Attorney Richard Braslow. Absent: Commissioner J. Peel. Four 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/Watkins S/Donahue to accept the December 2012 meeting minutes.

The minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting was accepted.

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

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

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

Treasurers Report

Treasurer absent

Report attached

Insurance Report

2 fire fighters were injured during Sandy storm

Paid fire fighter Michael Nelson injured on duty

Insurance for new extension discussed

Complete LOSAP list of members needed and copy of application

Equipment Report

Given by Comm. Donahue

Inventory in progress

Insurance and Registration cards for equipment

Generator –parts needed

Chief's Report

Chief John Dragotta. List attached.

Ex-chief Anthony Guarnera was thanked for his service as Chief

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

List attached.

Resolution 13-01 – Designating Fire Official

M/A. Peel S/Donahue) to appoint Frank Giacolone as Fire Official

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

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

Michael Nelson injured right hand while on duty.

Discuss coverage while inspectors are on modified duty.

Computers – discuss updates

M/A. Peel S/Donahue) to review, evaluate and accept a proposal on specifications from Safe Haven.

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

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

Furniture for new offices discussed

Correspondence

Dept. of Community Affairs – Local Finance Notice

Notices from Government Connect

Old Business

Discussed a program from the NJ Forestry Service concerning water tanker to be supplied to the Fire Company, maintenance, care, painting and insurance coverage etc.

Fire Company lease – to be discussed after extension construction is complete

Fire fighter salaries – meeting to be arranged

Commissioner Election – materials are ready

Discussed “E” Dispatch.

Discussed needed pagers (3 or 4)

Fire fighter gear - \$5,000.00 to outfit a new fire fighter and takes 6 to 8 weeks for delivery

Meeting Calendar for 2013-2014

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Thursday, August 22, 2013

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Resolution 13-02 – Authorizing 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

M/Watkins S/Donahue) authorizing 2013-2014 meeting schedule

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

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

New Business

Discussed fire fighting training classes

Public Portion

None

M/Donahue S/ Watkins to adopt Resolution 13-3 Closing the Meeting to the Public.

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

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

Discussion:

Discussed personnel matters – new contract, uniforms, clothing allowance, salary and evaluations every 6 months

Payment for Black Friday coverage at Walmart.

M/Donahue S/A. Peel to come out of closed session.

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

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

M/Donahue S/Watkins to pay a per diem of \$20.00 per day to Jim Craig (Certified Inspector) for Fire Prevention coverage while our inspectors are on modified duty. If he is called to an inspection an hourly rate will apply.

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

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

M/Watkins S/Donahue to adjourn meeting.

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

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

Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, February 21, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Peel
Secretary/Clerk
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