

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013. 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., A. Peel, Donahue, Watkins, J. Peel, Attorney Richard Braslow. Two 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.

Swearing in of newly elected Commissioners A. Peel and John Watkins, Sr. by Attorney Richard Braslow.

Reorganization

M/J .Peel S/Donohue to reorganize the Board positions:

President – Drew Vagts

Treasurer – Joseph Peel

Secretary – Ann Peel

Equipment – Michael Donohue

Insurance – John Watkins

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

M/J. Peel S/Watkins to approve the below listed Resolutions.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

13-06	Authorizing Appointment of Attorney	03/21/13
13-07	Authorizing Appointment of Auditor and Accountant for the 2013-2014 Year	03/21/13
13-08	Adopting Cash Management Plan	03/21/13
13-09	Designation Official Newspapers for 2013-2014 Year	03/21/13
13-10	Authorizing Approval & Payment of Claims	03/21/13
13-11	Designating Surety Bonding for Commissioners	03/21/13

M/Watkins S/Donahue to accept the January and February 2013 minutes.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

M/Watkins S/Donahue) to pay bills as presented with the Commissioners abstaining from their respective bills.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

Treasurers Report

M/Watkins S/Donahue to accept the Treasurers Reports for February and March 2013

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

List attached for February and March 2013.

Insurance Report

415 being evaluated by insurance company. Estimating damages at \$9,000.00 by Campbell Trucking.

Equipment Report

Commissioner Donahue

Need 2 batteries for Thermal Imaging Cameras

Chief's Report

Chief John Dragotta. List attached.

New chief's car – removing equipment from old chief's car and being installed in new car.

Discussed training for Fire Inspector Certification. Attorney Braslow to draft a contract for the volunteer firefighters who would consider taking the course. It involves 146 hours of training at a cost of approximately \$500.00 per student.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

Frank Giacalone, Inspector

List attached.

Discussion of coverage on an interim bases while members are on sick leave etc. and not available for duty.

Correspondence

Board of Fire Comm., District 3-new roster

Board of Fire Comm., District 2-new roster

Board of Fire Comm., District 2 – Representative of each Fire District needed for records retention. Comm. A. Peel to represent District 4.

EGG correspondence – Apply for Community Disaster Loans

Variety of issues.

Old Business

Where copiers and computers are to be located in the new offices.

Ex Chief's Dinner

New Business

Phone reimbursements while not on duty.

M/Donahue S/Watkins – To send four (4) firefighters to Inspector Training.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

M/J. Peel S/Watkins to approve Resolution 13-12 – Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property - Negative Pressure Fan and Durango Canine Cage

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

M/Watkins S/Donahue Purchase monitor for Fire Prevention Bureau

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

Discussed – LOSAP, clothing allowance, Chief’s plan – M/Donahue S/A. Peel table till construction on Fire House is complete.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

M/Donahue S/Watkins to pay for refreshments for area drill \$100.73.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

Public Portion

None

M/Watkins S/Donahue to adjourn meeting.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

Adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, April 18, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Peel
Secretary/Clerk
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