

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 19, 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, J. Peel, Watkins, Donahue, Attorney Richard Braslow  
Absent: None. Two (2) 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/Donahue S/Watkins to accept the August 19, 2013 minutes.

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

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

M/J. Peel S/Watkins To accept audit report for 2013 presented by Michael Bart, Accountant

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

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

### **Treasurers Report**

M/Watkins S/Donahue to accept the Treasurers Report for August 2013.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Insurance Report**

Comm. Watkins

Insurances up-to-date

Check to be received from insurance for approximately \$5,000.00 or less to then be paid by the Treasury to Campbell for repairs on truck 415.

### **Equipment Report**

Commissioner Donahue

No Report

### **Chief's Report**

Chief John Dragotta. List attached

Stand by meal reimbursements discussed

### **Bureau of Fire Prevention Report**

Frank Giacalone, Inspector – absent

List attached

### **Correspondence**

Verizon  
Optimum  
Gov Connect information  
Boss Equipment Supplies  
On Deck – Small business loans  
American Express – Application for credit card  
Letters referencing the use of the Chief's vehicle

### **Old Business**

Lengthy discussion about acquiring a P18 water tanker truck from the State under a State Co-op program. What the rules, regulations and State requirements if we acquire the truck. Must be inspected by a qualifying mechanic of our choosing. The truck will answer calls made by the State as needed. The truck is leased for 4 years and then becomes the property of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District 4. The Board is responsible for all gas, repairs, maintenance etc. during the lease.

M/Watkins S/Donahue - Accepting a P18 Water Tanker Truck leased for four (4) years from the State of New Jersey after being inspected and proved to be in satisfactory condition and needs no major repairs.

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

3-Yes 2-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

Prepare a letter to the Fire Company in reference to the conditions of the leased areas of the Fire House, use of fire equipment etc.

### **New Business**

Commissioners attending functions on official Board business can receive a stipend for some of their expenses. A policy needs to be prepared and must be a budget line item.

M/Donahue S/Vagts to have a special meeting at 6 P.M. on October 17, 2013 to discuss the Budget for 2014.

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

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

### **Public Portion**

None

M/Donahue S/J. Peel to adopt Resolution 13-20 Closing the Meeting to the Public.

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

5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent - Closed 8:25PM

Selling equipment to other entities, public notice must be given ie. Newspaper ad

New pumper \$486,000.00, sell 407

M/Watkins S/J. Peel to come out of closed session at 8:50 PM

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

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

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

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

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

Adjourned at 9:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Peel  
Secretary/Clerk  
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