

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 19, 2013. President Vagts called the meeting to order at 7:07 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. Absent: Attorney Richard Braslow. Seven (7) 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.

Secretary Report

M/Donahue S/Watkins to accept the November 21, 2013 minutes.

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

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

Treasurers Report

Comm. J. Peel –Report attached

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

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

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

Insurance Report

Comm. Watkins

Review insurances and renew insurance policies for 2014.

Equipment Report

Commissioner Donahue

List attached

Chief's Report

Chief John Dragotta. List attached

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

Frank Giacalone, Inspector

List attached

Black Friday incidents at Walmart discussed.

Introduction of Fire Fighter Petschauer from Cheesequake Fire Company for presentation of brand new radio system that is compatible with Old Bridge Township, Fire Companies and First Aid Squads. It will be a bonded \$6M bond issue for the township. Each entity will be assessed an amount of money they will need to provide.

Correspondence

Verizon

Gov Connect information

Old Bridge Township – District 4 street names needed by Municipal Clerk.

Discuss Madison Park Website

Old Business

WaWa charges for gasoline on the gasoline bills from Old Bridge Township

Fire Police – consult with our attorney. Discussion on addition to by-laws, need for them, equipment, rights, reports and who (how many)

M/Watkins S/Donahue to provide a maximum of \$2500.00 to equip the Fire Police.

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

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

New Business

Need tires for brush truck (414) to cost \$1525.00

Need new tools and locks for cabinets in the mechanic's room.

Purchase of on screen keyboards for Fire Prevention vehicles. Apple does not do purchase orders, discussion on ways to purchase Apple equipment.

M/Watkins S/Donahue to provide a maximum of \$520.00 for keyboards for Fire Prevention vehicles.

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

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

Maintenance on trucks – 407 seat belts, 408 brakes pull (Campbell to test run)

\$20,000.00 needed for Madison Park to purchase equipment for new radio system by the Township,

Public Portion

None

M/Donahue S/J. Peel to adopt Resolution 13-26 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 8:30PM

Paid firefighters contract

Clothing allowance – need criteria

Budget

New truck

M/Watkins S/J. Peel to come out of closed session at 9:30PM

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 9:40PM

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, February 20, 2014 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Peel
Secretary/Clerk
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