

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 27, 2014. 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. Absent: Attorney Richard Braslow. Six (6) 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 January 16, 2014 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 –No Report, balances given for each bank account of the Board

M/A. Peel S/Donahue 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

Equipment Report

Commissioner Donahue

Maintenance done on vehicles, snow blower has arrived.

Chief's Report

Chief John Dragotta. List attached

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

Frank Giacalone, Inspector

List attached

Discussed receiving 6 air packs, 16 masks and 12 bottles.

Discussed the uses of the Fire Prevention account

Correspondence

Verizon – up grade info,

Proposal pertaining to the selling of Truck 415 and buying of a new truck

Gov Connect

Pitney Bowes upgrade of mail machine

Correspondence from Kevin Nicholas – Pres. Frank to follow-up
Received the state approved copy of the 2014 budget.

Old Business

Snow standbys – Pulcinella food bill

Shoveling snow duties

Financial proposal to purchase a new fire truck. Training on new truck to be provided by Campbell.

Need to do a resolution for a special meeting to get the approval of the public to buy a new truck since it is a capital purchase.

Training classes at Middlesex Fire Academy discussed.

Salt supplies for snow storms discussed.

Fit testing scheduled again

Fire House lease

Wildwood Convention

New Business

M/J. Peel S/Donahue Resolution 14-2 to set the calendar for March 2014 to March 2015 meetings for the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM.

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

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

Fire Marshall and Fire Inspector were given permission to take the Fire Prevention vehicles home when there is an emergency i.e. state emergency declared, snow, weather etc.

Snow problems – contractors burying hydrants during snow storms

Bills for diesel fuel – fuel gotten from WaWa and there is no tracking. Need to check back on bills to not be over-charged

Public Portion

Safety – air born pathogens, file attached

M/Donahue S/J. Peel to adopt Resolution 14-03 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 9:10PM

Paid Firefighter contract

Wildwood Convention

M/Watkins S/J. Peel to come out of closed session at 9:25PM

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 9:30PM

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday, March 10, 2014 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Peel
Secretary/Clerk
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