

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 27, 2014. President Vagts called the meeting to order at 5:05 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: Comm. J. Peel (deceased). 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.

Swearing in of newly elected Commissioners Drew Vagts and Michael Donahue by Attorney Richard Braslow.

Reorganization

M/Watkins S/Vagts to reorganize the Board positions:

President – Drew Vagts

Vice President/Insurance – John Watkins

Treasurer – Ann Peel

Secretary – Michael Donahue

Equipment – open

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

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent (deceased)

M/Vagts S/Watkins to approve the below listed Resolutions.

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

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent (deceased)

14-04	Authorizing Appointment of Attorney	03/27/14
14-05	Authorizing Appointment of Auditor and Accountant for the 2014-2015 Year	03/27/14
14-06	Adopting Cash Management Plan	03/27/14
14-07	Designation Official Newspapers for 2014-2015 Year	03/27/14
14-08	Authorizing Approval & Payment of Claims	03/27/14
14-09	Designating Surety Bonding for Commissioners	03/27/14

Attorney Braslow discussed the upcoming changes before the Legislature:

Move Commissioner election to November with General elections

6 month study to change boundaries for multiple districts

Consolidating districts and towns.

Secretary minutes to be approved at March meeting

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

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

Treasurers Report

No report –
Totals of bank statements reported

Insurance Report

Comm. Watkins – insurance
Insurances up-to-date

Equipment Report

Commissioner Donahue

Chief's Report

Chief John Dragotta. No report

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

Frank Giacalone, Inspector
List attached.

Fire Truck Purchase

M/Donahue S/Watkins Resolution 14-10 authorizing going out to bid for the purchase of a new fire truck.

Yes-(Donahue, A. Peel, Vagts, Watkins) No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent 9 (deceased)

Need voter approval – Special capital meeting

Procedures needed to be done: buy through a Co-op, local financing board approval, must have competitive bids, and a consent agenda.

10 day notice to the residents of District 4 of special meeting and posted in five different locations in District 4.

To be on May agenda the capital meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2014 at 11AM.
Opening of bids will also be done.

Correspondence

JCPL – Credit reference letter

Travelers Insurance

Richard Braslow – NJ Local unit pay-to-play certification

Letter to paid personnel of MPVFC

Commissioner Roster to Old Bridge Township

Gov Connect correspondence

On Deck

Access Health Systems

American Express

Verizon

Old Business

Ground ladder testing done – Campbell

M/Watkins S/Donahue to expend \$1435.00 for (seven) 7 licenses, \$205.00 apiece from Microsoft for the computer terminals.

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

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent (deceased)

New Business

M/Donahue S/Watkins to accept resumes for the position of Fire Commissioner that is available because of the passing of Commissioner Joseph Peel.

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

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent (deceased)

M/Donahue S/Watkins Resolution 14-11 to dispose of and/or destroy old or broken computer equipment. List attached.

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

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent (deceased)

Prioritize back up personnel to cover for absences of paid firefighters

BOFC affidavits for training classes are being put in firefighter files as they register for classes

Public Portion

None

M/Donahue S/A. Peel Resolution 14-12 to go into closed session at 6:50PM

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

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent (deceased)

Personnel issues discussed

M/Watkins S/Donahue to adjourn meeting.

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

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent (deceased)

Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, April 14, 2014 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Peel

Secretary/Clerk/Treasurer