

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday, May 12, 2014. 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, Guarnera and Attorney Richard Braslow. Seven (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's Report

M/Donahue S/Watkins to accept the February and March 2014 meeting minutes.

Yes- (Watkins, Vagts, Donahue, Peel, Guarnera)

5-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain 0-Absent

Treasurers Report

No report –

Totals of bank statements reported, Bills cannot be paid until 5/15/14 after the next check is received as per A. Peel. The HFA Report is also complete.

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

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

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

Insurance Report

Comm. Watkins – insurance

Insurances up-to-date

Equipment Report

Commissioner Donahue-Discussed truck repairs on 407 as being complete, Tires are pending on 5/13/14. Commissioner Watkins spoke on the Generator screen being shorted out but the generator is operational. Repairs to the generator screen will be discussed further. A pump test was also completed on 407 due to the repairs made.

Note: the county should reimburse for repairs made following the mutual aid calls in Woodbridge. (remarks were given about the great work everyone did in woodbridge)

Commissioner Donahue reported that 6 helmets, 4 pair of boots and hoods and gloves are needed.

407's Airbags for extrication were removed from service as per Pres. Vagts due to the age and a potential for unsafe operation. Comm. Donahue will get quotes for a replacement.

Chief's Report

Chief John Dragotta gave his chiefs report as seen attached

Safety and training report given by Al Check as seen attached.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

Frank Giacolone, Inspector
List attached.

Correspondence

Read, See attached.

Old Business

Training- Comm. Donahue Fire Academy classes and training should be approved only by the chief and go through Comm. Donahue

New Truck- Comm. Donahue the lease agreement for the new engine has been distributed (see attached). Attorney Rich Braslow gave his approval on the lease and the final approval is on the consent agenda for 5/14/14

Financial disclosure statements are due by June 13, 2014. All board members will be notified to such as per Braslow.

New Business

OSHA- Comm. Donahue made the board aware of a standard osha is trying to pass that all structure fires are to be fought from the outside until knocked down and than do interior mop up.

First Aid Kits/AED's- Comm. Donahue along with Robert Conklin(Asst. Chief) presented the purchase of (8) first aid kits including oxygen tanks to the board in the amount of approx. \$3,800.00 VE Ralph and sons will do a payment plan for the equipment. 8 new AED's(one unit being a backpack unit) were presented with an approx. cost of \$10,800.00. A payment plan is also possible for the AED Purchase. Both purchases are a special price for the 8 units.

Gear purchase discussion M/Watkins S/Donahue that 8 helmets and 4 pair of boots are purchased

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

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

A. Peel commented that a wish list should be made to prepare in advance for future purchases

m/Donahue that the chiefs vehicles will be used to go to the Harrisburg show Saturday.

Public Portion

415- will be stripped of all equipment prior to the trade in for the new engine. Chief Dragotta asked what the time frame would be before it was turned in. the approx time frame would be about two weeks. Asst Chief Conklin asked if there would be a replacement vehicle for 415. There would be no immediate plans to replace 415.

Tanker- Still pending in the state.

Closed Portion

M/Donahue S/Watkins to go into closed session.

IROC Letter- There was a discussion about the IROC letter (pensions) with the board, Braslow and Giacolone. Donahue is to call Bart to follow up on the attached letter.

Franks Surgery- Donahue spoke on the best way to cover the absence.

Training- A few members did not complete classes that they signed up for . They will be charged for the classes.

Responding to Mutual Aid- A discussion was held and the SOG's should be followed and the Chief should enforce and common sense should be used.

Purchasing- A Peel suggested a protocol should be used for future purchases. Watkins will make a purchase request form.

M/Donahue S/Watkins to conclude closed session.

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

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

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:00P.M.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday, June 9, 2014 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Guarnera

Secretary/Clerk