

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday, March 11, 2015. President Vagts called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed.

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.

In attendance were Pres. Vagts Comm. Donahue, Watkins, Guarnera, Peel , and Eight (13) members of the public were in attendance.

Secretary's Report

April 13, 2015 meeting minutes approved as distributed with the following corrections the vote in closed session took place in new business and to re-vote on the radio resolution not reflected in the minutes

M/Donahue S/Vagts (stepping down as president) to approve the April 13, 2015 minutes.
Yes-(Watkins, Vagts, Donahue) No-() Abstain-(A. Guarnera, A. Peel) Absent-()
3-Yes 0-No 2-Abstain 0-Absent

Treasurers Report

Commissioner Peel-Gave an update on finances total cash on hand is 110,277.90
Spent \$12,000 on equipment this year already.

A check was made out for 15,500.00 dollars and the treasurer was unaware. This caused the funding for payroll to almost bounce. The payment for workman's comp insurance switching from travelers to NJM. Should have a credit due back from travelers. John is to look into it.

Bills would not be paid for the month until the next check is received from the township.
Check is Due 5-15-15.

pending I am responding contract id \$3087.00 for a 5 year contract and a 6 month contract for \$720.00

M/Donahue S/Watkins to approve the Treasurers Report
Yes-(Watkins, Vagts, Donahue, Guarnera) No-() Abstain-(Peel) Absent-()
4-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain 0-Absent

Insurance Report

Comm. Watkins – insurance-
Changed workman's comp to NJM. A credit should be due from old workman's comp policy other insurances were also changes for general insurance.

LOSAP has not been paid for 2013 and 2014- Mike greaves sill not getting a statement for losap. Rob Conklin's should be straightened out. LOSAP credit should be available for unvested members that are no longer with the company.

Firehouse needs a copy of all insurance policies

Equipment Report

Commissioner Donahue-

408- Ladder tested and cracks were found than need repair.

420 Went in for service

3 sets of gear on order

Winch cables quotes 414 is \$915.00 and 407 is \$873.12

407 still having issues with the front end, Check engine light is on and truck had an issue going into pump. MK repair is to give a second opinion on the truck for \$448.00

2 radios O.O.S.

Disposal of equipment in new business

FP1 Lease is up need to look into the buyout option.

Chief's Report

Chief Martin gave the chief report as attached.

Green sheets are complete and commissioners copy to be filed.

Academy- One Firefighter signed up for Firefighter one and three for pump ops.

Set of gear is missing(will file a police report stating such) Drew mad a suggestion to change the locks and only have commissioners deal with the equipment.

Update for new engine requested as well as specs (trucks 90% inspection should be done after the fourth of July)

Charlie Haggerty needs a Physical

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

Frank Giacalone, Inspector- See attached.

Correspondence

Read, See attached, Monthly advertisement, See attached.

Letters from Nelson and Giacalone to be discussed in closed session.

Old Business

Security camera quotes are around 15-20K for a full system. Frank has another guy coming in to do a quote that should be much cheaper.

Finances- Vouchers should be submitted for all bills going forward, 3 quotes are need for purchases and bills should be submitted promptly for payment to avoid late fees.

Interviews and bay use were discussed during the previous Donahue was to be called If he was not available another commissioner is to be called

Tanker still pending

It was suggested to move 401 for additional bay space.

Copiers- recommended to go with the quote from zero graphics as a monthly payment of \$134.00.

M/Donahue S/Watkins to go with the quote from zero graphics for the new copiers.

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

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

Lease to be discussed in closed session.

New Business

M/Donahue S/Watkins to make a resolution(15-19) approving the township radios

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

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

M/Donahue S/Watkins to make a resolution(15-20) approving equipment disposal

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

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

Audit and accountant to be tabled until next meeting.

Public Portion

Fire company President questioned the use of a fill-in that was previously expelled from the fire company. Expelled members should not be used as they are not permitted to be on premises.

Tom Alfrey submitted an equipment report.

Grants are in process for the air packs and cascade unit.

Closed Portion

M/Watkins S/Donahue to make a motion to make a resolution(15-21) to go into closed session.

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

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

Personnel- A letter was received about the Per-Diem Fire Inspector useage and that he was not recognized by the union. The resolution for a previous meeting will remain in effect to continue using the per-diem fire inspector as needed.

Fill-Ins for career personal was discussed

- Fill-ins to be continued as in the past and an updated list is to be submitted.
- Files for fill ins should be maintained to ensure that they are qualified.
- Fire company members that are expelled will no longer be used as fill-ins
- What capacity are fill-ins to be used in, there should be better communication as to what they are qualified to do and tasks to be completed while they are working

A qualified Driver list is needs to be submitted to the board.

Public areas of the building members should be careful as to how people are approached if someone is not recognized that is entering the building.

Radios- District 4 was the only district that did not have the chief pick up the radios. The chief felt that he should have picked up the radios but something seemed to change last minute.

Personnel issues with members of the company should be brought to the commissioners via the chief or the president.

New engine was discussed as there seems to be a lack of communication between the board and new line officers(A meeting between the truck committee and officers will be set up) Truck consultants should have no further involvement in the process going forward.

Fire Company and Commissioner interaction needs to improve as some fire company members feel certain board members are against the company due to recent events.

Fire company has a social media policy in effect.

Sayreville issue another township fire company was contacted in the matter by a board member.

Sayreville Investigation was discussed-concerns of the members and the outside investigator. Conflict of interest also was discussed on who should have voted on hiring the outside investigator. The board also no formal discipline policy.

I-pad's should remain in all vehicles

Missing set of gear that was used by a per diem is to be looked into further.

M/Donahue S/Watkins to conclude closed session.

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

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

M/Peel S/Watkins to adjourn meeting.

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

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

Adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday, June 8, 2015 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Guarnera
Secretary/Clerk