

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday, March 13, 2017. President Drew Vagts called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Commissioners Kerchner, Donahue, Guarnera, Peel, Attorney Richard Braslow, Attorney Lane and eleven member of the public

Attorney Richard Braslow swears in new commissioners
M/Peel S/Kerchner
All commissioners staying in same positions

Secretary's Report

M/Donahue S/Peel to accept December minutes
Yes- (Vagts, Donahue, Kerchner, Peel, Guarnera) No- () Abstain- () Absent- ()
5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

Treasurers Report

Regular Checking – \$135,699.75
Fire Prevention – \$28,655.87
FP Penalty – \$10,412.71
Reserves – \$210,878.59
Total Cash on Hand \$385,646.92

M/Donahue S/Kerchner to approve the Treasurers Report and pay the bills
Yes- (Vagts, Donahue, Kerchner, Peel, Guarnera) No- () Abstain- () Absent- ()
5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Absent

Insurance Report

No Report

Equipment Report

No Report

Chief's Report

Chief McLaughlin gave the chief report as attached.

February Chief's Report March 2017 Company Meeting

Calls:

Motor Vehicle Accidents:2

Rubbish / Brush Fires:1

Other:1

TOTAL CALL (February 2017)4

TOTAL MAN HOURS25 HRS

Drills:

TOTAL DRILLS (February 2017)0

TOTAL DRILL HOURS0 HRS

Work Details / House Duties:

TOTAL WORK DETAILS / HOUSE DUTIES (February2017)2

TOTAL MISC HOURS52 HRS

Special Assignments:

TOTAL SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS (February 2017)1

TOTAL SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTHOURS63 HRS

TOTAL MONTHLY EVENTS (February 2017)7

TOTAL MONTHLY HOURS (February 2017)140HRS

Additional Comments / Announcements:

1. Engine 402:

- a. Campbell has finally contacted us for 402s service and Painting problems. Engine will be gone for up to a month and they do not have a loaner engine for us to use. In order to avoid being down to one engine for such an extended time, we are working on contacting neighboring departments with the hopes that they will lend us a spare engine while 402 is gone. We are working with the commissioners on this and will update as information is received.

2. Drills/ Training:

- a. New Online Training system was tabled by the commissioners at their last meeting, pending the approval of the budget. Will be revisiting this month.
- b. Classroom BBP/Right to know was postponed, still waiting on a new date from training officers.

3. House Duties:

a. March House duties are the 8th and the 22nd. Everyone reminded to attend or complete their make-ups if they cant make the house duty.

4. Work Excuse Forms:

a. Reminder that all work excuse forms are now due the week prior to the next company meeting. So that all info is updated and percentages are complete at the end of the month.

5. Township Updates:

a. Pharmacology Program Updates: Town needs us to update our emergency prophylaxis lists. These are so department members and household members can be issued medication in the event of a biological terrorist attack. I need everyone to fill this out and also the other form with name and initials at the end of the meeting so that I can return them to OEM.

b. Cheesequake Park Brush Fire, 2013: State hired a tree service company to perform clear cutting to the section along the rear of CheesequakeVillage, which we determined to be a high priority. The clear cutting will start at the edge of the Cheesequake Village property line and extend 100' into the park property. The access road to the work site through Cheesequake Village (off Galewood, Utah, and Haven) has already been put in place and the work has or will be starting soon.

6. County News:

a. Homeland Security Office for bombing prevention online course.

b. Wildland Fire Urban Interface Strike Team. County is reorganizing their teams. These Engine teams are to respond in special needs for structural protection during wildland fires. Advised the county we still wish to be part of that team, as well as the brush unit mutual aid team that we have been on.

7. New Air Packs:

a. Official quote has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners, they will now be moving forward to obtain the loan needed to purchase. As updates are received, they will be forwarded to the committee.

8. IamResponding:

a. Reminder that Members must utilize IamResponding when enroute to a call. This is to let members who arrive at the station to see who is responding and ensure that a crew will be able to roll the Engine. If we don't use it, we will lose it.

9. Duty Shifts:

a. Scheduled duty shifts have officially taken effect.

b. Those members know what is expected of them, and reminder to all members to always respond when available and to utilize their pagers, not to depend on their phones for alerting them.

10. Events:

a. March 14, 7pm (Tuesday) Old Bridge Cub scouts are coming to the firehouse for a tour. Anyone available please let me know. Uniform will be Class "B".

b. South Amboy Parade- Sunday, March 19th. Line up at 11am, Start up at 1pm. Class "A" Uniform.

11. Driver Request for MPFAS:

- a. Was contacted by Squad Captain George Antonelli, requesting MPFD to provide drivers for the first aid squad to assist them in being in service more often.
- b. Drivers must be licensed, at least 21 years of age, have EVOC course, and be certified to drive MPFD Apparatus.
- c. They would be covered under the squads insurance while on duty.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ken McLaughlin Jr.
Chief
Madison Park Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Fines for House Duties (February 2017):

Jay LuBlang - \$5
Kodi Foust - \$5
Dan Garrity - \$5

Respectfully Submitted:

Ken McLaughlin Jr.
Chief
Madison Park Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report
Fire marshal (acting) Nelson submitted report as attached

Correspondence
None

Old Business

Motion to purchase natural gas detector for \$365
M/Donahue S/Peel 5 yes 0 no

Motion to purchase target solutions online training \$2158.60 per year
M/Kerchner S/Peel 5 yes 0 no

New Business

Quotes received for leather helmets
New gas needed for gas meter \$180
M/Guarnera S/Donahue
Hose, Pump, and ladder testing \$2726.25
402 and 407 PM inspection \$1457 each truck
Decommission radios
M/Guarnera S/Donahue

Public Portion

None

Closed Session

M/Donahue S/Kerchner to enter closed session.
Yes- (Vagts, Donahue, Kerchner, Peel, Guarnera) No- () Abstain- () Absent- ()
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Board talked over various personal issues

M/Donahue S/Peel to Conclude closed session.
Yes- (Vagts, Peel, Donahue Guarnera) No- () Abstain- () Absent- (Kerchner)
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M/Donahue S/Peel to Conclude meeting.
Yes- (Vagts, Peel, Donahue Guarnera) No- () Abstain- () Absent- (Kerchner)
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Adjourned at 20:10

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday, April 10, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
David Kerchner
Secretary/Clerk