

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday, April 10, 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, Guarnera, Peel, 4 member of the public

Secretary's Report

Tabled till next meeting

Treasurers Report

The 2017 budget has passed

Regular Checking – \$102,952.02
Fire Prevention – \$30,806.93
FP Penalty – \$10,412.71
Reserves – \$210,905.46
Total Cash on Hand \$355,077.12

M/Guarnera S/Kerchner to approve the Treasurers Report and pay the bills
Yes- (Vagts, Kerchner, Peel, Guarnera) No- () Abstain- () Absent- ()
4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 1-Absent

Insurance Report

Claim filled on march 21st with Plymouth insurance Acting fire marshal Mike Nelson was hit in FP1.

Equipment Report

No Report

Chief's Report

Chief McLaughlin gave the chief report as attached.

March Chief's Report April 2017 Company Meeting

Calls:

Fire Alarms:**6**

Mutual Aid:**1**

Gas / CO:**1**

Cancelled:**1**

TOTAL CALL (March 2017)**9**

TOTAL MAN HOURS**83.5 HRS**

Drills:

TOTAL DRILLS (March 2017)**1**

TOTAL DRILL HOURS**34HRS**

Work Details / House Duties:

TOTAL WORK DETAILS / HOUSE DUTIES (March 2017)**1**

TOTAL MISC HOURS**24 HRS**

Special Assignments:

TOTAL SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS (February 2017)**4**

TOTAL SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT HOURS**334.5 HRS**

TOTAL MONTHLY EVENTS (March 2017)**15**

TOTAL MONTHLY HOURS (March 2017)**476HRS**

Additional Comments / Announcements:

1. Engine 402:

- a. First Due for month of April, except for mutual aid calls.
- b. Officers and Commissioners are still working on getting a replacement for 402 while it is gone for paint repairs at Campbell. We are trying not to send the Engine until we can guarantee that we will have a loaner engine to take its place so we are not down to one Engine for such an extended period of time.
- c. Is going to be getting serviced by Defender before it goes to Campbell for paint service.

2. Engine 407:

- a. Will also be getting serviced by Defender.
- b. Reminder to all members for mutual aid calls. Unless the call is for the tanker task force, 407 is always the engine that responds for mutual aid. This has always been the practice, and also since 402 carries the most of our extrication equipment, it should be left in district.

3. Drills/ Training:

- a. Target Solutions is up and running. All members are reminded to complete all classes appointed for the month by the training officer.
- b. Live Burn for Propane emergencies at MCFA, Saturday April 22nd, 9am. Anyone interested in going, sign up on the sheet in the bay. It will be coming down shortly.
- c. New TIC / Gas Meter Training will be Saturday, April 29th, 10am here at the firehouse.

4. House Duties:

- a. April House duties are the 5th and the 19th. Everyone reminded to attend or complete their make-ups if they cant make the house duty.

5. 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.
- b. Make sure when you do fill in your work excuse, that you are writing the DATES on the calendar. This is so I know what day you were working.

6. 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.

7. County News:

- a. We received a request from the county if any departments are available or interested in covering the city of Perth Amboy while their crews go training. The dates are:
 - i. Tuesday, April 11th [1900-2300](#)
 - ii. Thursday April 13th [1900-2300](#)
 - iii. Tuesday April 18th [0830-1230](#)
 - iiii. Monday April 24th [1900-2300](#)
 - v. Wednesday April 26th [0800-1300](#)

If anyone is interested in this, let me know. We can pick a date and send a crew, apparatus availability pending.

8. New Air Packs:

- a. Commissioners are currently looking for a loan to purchase the packs.

9. 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, it will be removed.

10. Duty Shifts:

- a. Scheduled duty shifts are still in place.

- 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.
- c. There has been improvement from all those members and some have increased their percentages to where they no longer need to be on mandatory shifts.

11. Events:

- a. Wetdown for Flagtown FD (Hillsborough), June 10th.

Fines for House Duty (March 2017):

Rob Quast - \$5 for missed make up assignment for house duty

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

No report

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Hose testing scheduled for may

402 PM testing

407 PM testing for next month

Purchase 2 leather helmets and 2 regular helmets

2 Members to attended fire marshal class

Resolution to purchase SCBA not to exceed \$200,000

4 yes

0 no

0 abstain

1 Absent

Authorize special election for financing the purchase of SCBA

New Business

Purchase forestry nozzle
Purchase Medical Supplies

Public Portion

None

Closed Session

M/Peel S/Guarnera to enter closed session.

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Board talked over various personal issues

M/peel S/Guarnera to Conclude closed session.

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Adjourned at 20:15

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday, May 8, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
David Kerchner
Secretary/Clerk