

Madison Park Board of Fire Commissioners

District 4, Old Bridge, New Jersey

January 2019

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday, January 14, 2019. Board President, Drew Vagts, called the meeting to order at 7PM. The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence were observed.

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting by (1) faxing an announcement to the Old Bridge Municipal Clerk, giving the time, date, location and agenda of this meeting, and (2) faxing such announcement to the Home News and Star Ledger newspapers.

In attendance were President Drew Vagts, Commissioners Michael Donahue, Anthony Guarnera, David Kerchner and Ann Peel, Richard Braslow, attorney for the Board, Cheryl Parker, accountant for the Board and 6 members of the public.

Secretary's Report

December 2018 minutes were tabled.

Motion to table minutes made by- Commissioner Peel

Seconded by- Commissioner Guarnera

Treasurers Report- Commissioner Peel

Commissioner Peel presented monthly report and bills to be paid.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Kerchner

Votes- Yes 4 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Vagts) Abstain 1 (Peel)

Total Cash on Hand

Regular Checking-	\$316,188.59
Fire Prevention-	\$17,873.77
FP Penalty-	\$10,412.71
Reserves-	\$91,854.54
Total Cash on Hand-	\$436,329.61

Motion to approve Treasurers Report and pay monthly bills made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Kerchner

Votes- Yes 4 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Vagts) Abstain 1 (Peel)

Commissioner Peel recommended Fire Prevention and Fire Prevention Penalty accounts be transferred to the Reserve account and both Fire Prevention accounts be closed after March 1, 2019, when budget is passed.

Insurance Report- Commissioner Donahue

Commissioner Donahue spoke with insurance agent for the Board. It was recommended to stay with VFIS for workers comp insurance.

Commissioner Donahue told Chief Alfrey to send fire company roster to insurance agent.

Equipment Report- Commissioner Guarnera

Gas powered equipment that needs service: 2 Honda generators

Chiefs Report- Chief Tom Alfrey

Report given by Chief Alfrey. See attached

Right to Know, HazMat Refresher and Bloodborne Pathogens training, 2 nights at \$125.00 per night

Motion to approve training made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Peel

Votes- Yes 5 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Peel, Vagts)

Chief Alfrey also reported issues with Chiefs vehicle 400 and Brush truck 414. Siren and lights on Chiefs truck 400 having issues, waiting to hear from company that installed package. Light bar on Brush truck 414 getting condensation inside of lights, waiting to hear from repair company.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report- Chief Alfrey

Report given by Chief Alfrey. Report prepared by Tom Hart, Fire Marshal for District #4. See attached

Correspondence Report- Commissioner Kerchner

Letter from Middlesex County Board of Election- explained by Richard Braslow

Change in law with regards to mail in ballots. All previous mail in ballots will continue to receive a mail in ballot. All ballots must be in three (3) different languages; English, Spanish and Gujarati. Must be done for Fire District #4 election in February.

Commissioner Peel will reach out to Piscataway Fire Districts for ballot translation and printing information.

Old Business

Commissioner Peel asked about New Jersey Labor Law Posters. Cheryl Parker will get 2 sets for firehouse.

Commissioner Guarnera discussed the purchase of generator for new ladder truck costing \$24,667.00.

Motion to approve purchase of generator made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Kerchner

Votes- Yes 5 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Peel, Vagts)

Cascade generator for new pumper truck will be discussed at a later date.

Madison Park Fire Company President, Stan Greaves, gave update on former member of fire company matter. Fire Company will be receiving approximately \$2,800 from bonding company. Paperwork, regrading this matter, needs to be signed by Commissioners.

New Business

Fire Company member, Fred Block, discussed the purchase of computer equipment. Four (4) monitors need to be replaced. I Am Responding monitor mounted behind fire trucks. Would like to purchase small televisions to mount in bay area to have I Am Responding transmit on screens, so as to be seen by firefighters in the fire trucks. Cost for this is approximately \$2,500.

Budget Hearing

Motion to open Budget Hearing made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Kerchner

Votes- Yes 5 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Peel, Vagts)

No comments

Motion to close Budget Hearing made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Kerchner

Votes- Yes 5 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Peel, Vagts)

Motion to Adopt Budget made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Kerchner

Votes- Yes 5 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Peel, Vagts)

Lease Agreement regarding new ladder truck will be reviewed and signed by Commissioners.

Commissioner Donahue brought up the matter of Madison Park First Aid shutting down as of February 1, 2019.

Public Portion

None

Closed Session

None

Motion to adjourn meeting made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Kerchner

Votes- Yes 5 (Donahue, Guarnera, Kerchner, Peel, Vagts)

Adjourned at 8PM

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 at 7PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Marcinczyk
Recording Secretary