

Madison Park Board of Fire Commissioners

District 4, Old Bridge, New Jersey

December 2020

A Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday, December 14, 2020. Board President, Drew Vagts, called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. 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, Anthony Guarnera, Patricia Guarnera, Michael Donahue and Ann Peel and 4 members of the public.

Secretary's Report

November minutes

Motion to accept minutes made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner Peel

Votes: Yes 5 (A. Guarnera, P. Guarnera, Peel, Vagts, Donahue)

Treasurers Report- Commissioner Peel

Commissioner Peel presented monthly report and bills to be paid.

Total Cash on Hand

Regular Checking-	\$451,212.52
Reserves-	\$121,243.53
Total Cash on Hand-	\$606,017.00

Motion to accept Treasurers report and pay monthly bills made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner A. Guarnera

Votes- Yes (A. Guarnera, P. Guarnera, Vagts, Donahue) Abstain- 1 (Peel)

Discussion and vote of 2021 Budget.

Budget is all electronic signatures this year. Need to make Motion and role call.

Motion to move on the Budget made by- Commissioner Peel

Seconded by- Commissioner Donahue

Votes- Yes (A. Guarnera, P. Guarnera, Vagts, Donahue, Peel)

Hold off on Temporary Budget due to increase for election. Will vote on next meeting. Note increase cost for advertising.

Losap is \$1000 currently. Going to \$1,150 a year and implement increase cost of living each year going forward. Resolution 20-20

Motion to Increase Losap made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner A. Guarnera

Votes- Yes (A. Guarnera, P. Guarnera, Vagts, Donahue, Peel)

Insurance Report- Commissioner Donahue

Nothing to report

Equipment Report- Commissioner A. Guarnera

Commissioner A. Guarnera gave update on

Engine 408 is here. Arrived last year.

Still waiting on final total for Penalty. Some was used for additional equipment for Truck.

Absolute will keep credit.

Ladder Training January 8,9 and 10. Cannot be used as ladder yet until training.

Quote for extraction tools. \$28,000

Durango will be here by end of year.

Chiefs Report- Chief Mike Greaves

Report given by Chief Mike Greaves- see attached

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report- Tom Hart

See Attached

Correspondence Report- Commissioner P. Guarnera

Wells Fargo- pay \$804 will close us out with Wells Fargo. Rec'd reflections letter, for \$2088. Ann called to discuss this since we had already settled. Finally they are accepting the \$04. Need to sign confirmation. We can dystory the machines. Need to properly dispose of them. Will be getting in writing.

Getting check for \$7,747.13 which is for interest on loan and truck price mistake.

Old Business

Mike Donahue will call Rich Braslow to discuss solar panels

Still dealing with PERC case. Wants us to pay stipend, cell phone, clothing allowance. Hearing in January.

Lane is signed as attorney for district. Will hear back after hearing in January.

Further discussed plan for technology update. Will be using 35,000 surplus.

Doing camera, 4 doors to begin project. Access control system, Video control system. Batteries Patch Panel Wall Mounted half rack.

Chief Greaves bought a backup for server in case it crashes Next year we will address server.

New Business

Election update. Braslow has discussed with Gov council, Lobbyist and DCA today 12/14.

Election is rescheduled till April 20th.

Should it had been in February it would have been mail in only. Gov council acknowledged that state would have to make executive order. Would have additional expenses incurred.

The hope is by April 20th will not have to be mail in only.

DCA still must adhere to guidelines for budget of February.

Petition Deadline 29 days ahead of election. Will now be 29 days prior to April 20th. Commissioner term extended until After election.

Temporary budget. Current statue says must operate on Temp Budget till election. Normally we can use 14% of budget prior to election. New Temporary budget is 30%. First payment is due April 1- submit voucher. Payment will be made based on last years budget.

Needs revised election notices. Must add to it about a possible vote by mail. Mail in notices can be delayed. Not to publish any notice as yet. If it has been done just redo.

Thoughts on permanently switching to April the election going forward.

Capital votes discussion. Will not be pushed through. Appeal option as an alternative. Senator said that if we can't get Capital item past voters. We would have same right in the bill. Can vote once and appeal to State we need items. We would need to prove the need, and items could be purchased without voter approval based on the logic of item need.

Public Portion

Chief Greaves advise both trucks will be used on Santa run Dec 17th and 18th. All fire vehicles will be used.

Closed Session

None

Motion to adjourn meeting made by- Commissioner Donahue

Seconded by- Commissioner P. Guarnera

Votes- Yes 5 (Donahue, A. Guarnera, P. Guarnera, Peel, Vagts)

Adjourned at 8:29PM

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, January 11, 2021 at 7PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Guarnera

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Recording Secretary