

Town of Oneonta Fire District  
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:, Don Lamanna, Johna Peachin, Ron Peters, Fred Volpe

Absent: Mike Butler

Members of the Public: Bonnie Molinari, Gino Molinari, Trish Riddell Kent, Steve Kent

The minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting were distributed. Mr. Lamanna made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Peters. Passed 4-0

Ms. LaBuz reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Peters made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Peachin.. Passed 4-0

Bills and vouchers were presented for approval: The Daily Star – legal notice for the election, Hannigan Law Firm. Ms. Peachin made a motion to approve the payments, seconded by Mr. Lamanna. Passed 4-0

Election Results: Eugene Molinari was elected to a five-year term that begins on 1/1/2017. He received 24 votes. There was one write-in vote.

The organizational meeting will be held on January 10, 2017 at 6 PM. The regular meeting will follow. Mr. Lamanna informed the commissioners that he will be on vacation on January 10.

Task Force: The next meeting will be on December 21, 2016 at 11AM. The survey of Town residents indicated that they are willing to have a volunteer department. If the City does not cooperate, the fire district needs to look at other models such as a volunteer department or a hybrid department. This is a grassroots effort and we must gauge the interest of the community. Ms. Peachin will explore the model used by the Ithaca Fire Department.

It is believed that members of the community will turn out for interest meetings. Two years is not a long time to develop a department. A committee of interested parties must be formed. There is a fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers. The City's attitude is that they are not obligated to use a formula. The City believes that it can charge any amount for fire protection.

The fire commissioners make the final decision. A fire district has more freedom than other government entities.

Bank note: Ms. Peachin reported that the closing was held on the note and the funds have been deposited in the bank account.

Ms. Peachin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peters. Passed 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:2 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz  
Secretary