

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
November 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: Don Lamanna, Johna Peachin, Ron Peters

Absent: Mike Butler, Fred Volpe

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

The minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting were distributed. Mr. Lamanna made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Peters. Passed 3-0

Ms. LaBuz reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Peachin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Peters. Passed 3-0

Bill and vouchers were presented for approval: The Daily Star – legal notice for public hearing, City of Oneonta – 3rd contract payment; Secretary/Treasurer – 3rd and 4th quarters; three election workers. Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the payments, seconded by Mr. Lamanna. Passed 3-0

Property Tax Cap: Mr. Lamanna made a motion to approve Resolution #1 (Attachment 1) to override the property tax cap. Ms. Peachin seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

2017 Budget: Mr. Peters made a motion to approve Resolution # 2 (Attachment 2) to approve the 2017 budget. Mr. Lamanna seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Task Force: The City posted the incorrect time for the last meeting. Therefore, members of the public who would have liked to attend were unable to do so. To calculate the cost of fire protection, the consultant would like to use four factors. Previously only assessed values were used. The Town of Oneonta Fire District makes up 85% of the square miles of the coverage area. This adds \$350,000.00 - \$500,000.00 to the cost. The TOFD only makes up 6% of the call volume, 22% of the population and 35% of the assessed value. The cost with square miles would be \$875,00.00. The cost without square miles is \$300,000.00. The farthest the fire department has to drive is 5 miles.

The City of Oneonta Fire Department has a net budget of \$2.4 million. This is the overall budget minus the ambulance costs. Ms. Peachin stated that the City representatives have not been actively participating in the meeting. Ms. Hungerford is focusing on the City's 2017 budget.

The City will receive special public safety funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 because of SUNY. Ms. Peachin has inquired what the TOFD allocation will be. Some of the funds will be allocated to the police department. The TOFD should receive 35% of the fire allocation.

The next Task Force meeting is on December 6, 2016 at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

The commissioners discussed that they would seriously look into forming their own department. The firemen on the Board can determine what a fire department for the Town would be like. The target date for forming a

department would be 2018. Equipment would be available. The department would also be able to recruit college students who are volunteer fire fighters in their own community.

Elections: The election will be held on December 13, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Elm Park Church. The public notice will be in the paper on 11/9. There will be a press release in the paper on 11/14 and the deadline to file as a candidate is 11/23/2016.

Mr. Lamanna made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peters. Passed 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary