

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
October 11, 2016

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

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

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

The minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting were distributed. Ms. Peachin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Volpe. Passed 5-0

Ms. LaBuz reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Peachin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Peters. Passed 5-0

Task Force: Three proposals were received and VFIS was selected by the task force. Mr. Butler reported on the meeting that was held this morning. The consultant from VFIS is Tim Boel. There was a discrepancy between the numbers that were provided by each side. The ISO rating was discussed. The ISO depends upon the number of hydrants, distance from the fire house and response time. The City rating is 2 and the Town rating is 2Y.

VFIS will look at the costs for the city, for the town and EMS costs. Two elements that drive up the equation in calculating costs is the colleges and senior housing. This drives up EMS costs. EMS costs should not be included in Town Fire District costs. The city argues that the fire fighters are trained to be both EMS and fire fighters.

In the City of Oneonta, the fire department budget is part of the general fund. Ambulance billing goes into the city's general budget. VFIS said that other fire districts handle the accounting differently.

The next meeting of the task force is on November 2, 2016 at 11AM. The task force will develop 2-year benchmarks.

Consultant: VFIS is charging a flat fee of \$4,500.00 plus travel. The other proposals were fee for service.

New Business: Gino Molinari submitted a letter expressing his interest in running for commissioner in the upcoming election.

Mr. Volpe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peters.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary