

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
September 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Present: Don Lamanna, Johna Peachin, Ron Peters, Fred Volpe (arrived while meeting was in session)

Absent: Mike Butler

Members of the Public: Virginia Lee, Bonnie Molinari, Gino Molinari, Robert Peebles, Marsha Tiemann

The minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were distributed. Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Lamanna. Passed 3-0

Ms. LaBuz reviewed the Treasurer's Report. A payment in the amount of \$85.00 to reimburse Johna Peachin for Commissioner's Training needs approval. Mr. Lamanna made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to approve the payment of \$85.00, seconded by Mr. Peters. Passed 3-0

2017 Budget: Ms. Peachin said that the tax in the 2017 budget will be 14% higher. The commissioners will need to pass a resolution to exceed the tax cap. Mr. Volpe made a motion to pass a resolution to exceed the tax cap for 2017. Seconded by Mr. Peters. Approved 4-0

Proposed Budget: Ms. Peachin distributed the proposed budget. (Attachment 1).

Discussion: Mr. Lamanna asked whether we are anticipating a problem that requires the higher attorney's fee. Ms. Peachin said that if the consultant finds that there is a problem with the contract with the City of Oneonta, we would need an attorney. 2017 is a crucial year in regards to forming a fire department. It is better to have a cushion. Any excess can go to the fund balance.

Mr. Peters pointed out that the jump in fire protection is not as significant as it appears. The change is from \$1,030,000 to \$1,050,000. The 2016 budgeted amount was \$972,148 but that is not what we were required to pay.

Mr. Volpe asked if the \$50,000.00 loan is enough. Ms. Peachin said that it can only be 5% of the budget.

The proposed for 2017 property tax is \$1,134,925.

Mr. Volpe made a motion to accept the proposed budget. (Attachment 2) Seconded by Mr. Lamanna. Passed 4-0

Consultant: Three proposals were received. Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting by the Task Force will be during the third week of September. A decision to select the consultant should be made then.

Loan: The closing on the loan with the Bank of Cooperstown will be in November. The interest rate was not available.

Upcoming Dates: Next Meeting – October 11; Budget Hearing – October 18; Monthly Meeting – November 8; Fire District Election – December 13; Monthly Meeting – December 14 (change to Wednesday due to election on Tuesday).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary