

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
July 12, 2016

Attendance: Michael Butler, Donald Lamanna, Johna Peachin, Ron Peters, Fernando Volpe

Members of the Public: Gino Molinari, Bonnie Molinari, Virginia Lee, Trish Riddell Kent, Steve Kent, Marsha Tiemann, Robert Peebles

Mr. Volpe called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. LaBuz summarized the balances in the money market and checking accounts and the expenses for the month. Mr. Volpe asked if there was any discussion about the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Peachin seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Task Force Committee Report: Mr. Butler and Ms. Peachin met with the Task Force on July 12 at 10AM. The members representing the City were Russ Southard and Meg Hungerford. Others attending the meeting were Jim Maloney representing the Oneonta City Fire Department and Denise Richardson from The Daily Star. The goal of the task force is to appoint a neutral consultant. The consultant's responsibility is to make a recommendation for fire service for the Town of Oneonta and the cost of fire service. Requests for proposal are being mailed to seven consultants. Responses are to be submitted within four weeks. When the task force meets again, they will discuss the proposals. The task force will also pass a motion to be able to vote by e-mail.

Gino Molinari asked what the tone of the meeting was. Mr. Butler said that the City is still angry.

Ms. Peachin will prepare the Request for Proposals. All members of the task force must agree on the RFP and sign it.

New Business: Ms. Peachin read the resolution (Attachment 1) to issue budget notes to cover the anticipated amount needed to pay for fire service for 2016. The resolution was passed. (Attachment 1)

Old Business: Mr. Peebles asked when meeting minutes go on the webpage. Ms. Peachin said that the commissioners can publicize when there will be an important vote. Mr. Butler said that draft minutes can be put on the website.

Ms. Riddell-Kent made a recommendation that the commissioners review receipts of purchases made by the fire department. She also suggested that the commissioners contact other fire districts who established a fire department.

Mr. Lamanna asked about the motion that was passed earlier in the year to establish a fire department. Ms. Peachin said that we passed a resolution so that we can establish a not for profit fire department. The commissioners are able to create an entity that can raise money to establish a fire department. The fire department will have a board to make decisions. It is premature to establish this entity now as we have not met with the consultant.

Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Peachin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

TOWN OF ONEONTA FIRE DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO ISSUE BUDGET NOTES FOR CONTRACTED FIRE

Resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Oneonta Fire District (hereinafter "Board"), in the County of Otsego, State of New York, by a unanimous vote of the members of the Board present at a regular meeting of the board held on July 12, 2016, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 29, a fire district may issue budget notes for expenditures where an insufficient or no provision was made in the annual budget of the fire district for expenditure during its fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the fire district may issue such budget notes for necessary purposes such as the payment for contractually agreed upon fire protective services pursuant to Town Law Section 176 (22), and

WHEREAS, the fire district was unable to make budgetary appropriations in a sufficient amount for the 2016 budget as the amount for contractual services had not been established until after November 7, 2015, the last date upon which the budget was required to be finalized, approved, and submitted by pursuant to Town Law Section 105.

WHEREAS the financial resources presently available to the fire district are insufficient to pay for the fire protection contract that is due and owing in 2016.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Butler, and seconded by Commissioner Volpe,

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board by and under the authority of Local Finance Law Section 29(a)(2) may issue budget notes in the amount of \$ 49,675, an amount that does not exceed five per centum of the 2016 annual budget of the fire district, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proceeds from the sale of such budget notes are to be used to pay for the necessary and contractually obligated costs to the fire district for the procurement of fire protection from the City of Oneonta Fire Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such notes shall come mature in the next budget year.

Commissioner Butler	<u> X </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
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Commissioner Peachin	<u> X </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
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Commissioner Volpe	<u> X </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
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Commissioner Lamanna	<u> X </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
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Commissioner Peters	<u> X </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
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Dated: July 12, 2016

Erica LaBuz, Secretary