

A meeting of the Town of Oneonta Fire Commissioner's was held on May 10, 2016 at the Elm Park Church on Chestnut Street in Oneonta, NY.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 pm. President Fernando Volpe read the roll call of members. Others present were: Butler, Lamanna, Peachin, and Peters.

The minutes of the April meeting were distributed. A motion by Butler to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Lamanna. Peters abstained, passed by all of the other members.

Financial Report.

No report as Secretary Erica LaBuzz was absent. Peachin noted that the attorney's have been paid. Additionally, the report couldn't be prepared because of the early date in the month reports from financial institutions aren't available.

New Business

Tax Anticipation Loan update. Peters noted that Community Bank and Key don't do TAL's for non-depositors in their banks. Peachin noted that because we are already in a new fiscal year we are not eligible this fiscal year. She further reported that other options are being explored. Additionally, taxpayers can expect an increase in taxes to make up for the shortfall caused by the City's huge price increase.

Old Business

Butler reports that he has been in touch with the Mayor of the City of Oneonta to advise them that the Town has the required 2 people to negotiate the contract as directed by Judge Coccoma. Mayor Herzig has not selected the two representatives for the City yet. Butler will continue to remain in contact with the Mayor as this has to be in place in July of this year as per Judge Coccoma.

Other business

A brain storming discussion was opened regarding consultant services and included topics such as:

What would the future look like for the Fire District should we go on our own, in terms of size, paid, volunteer, driver combination, student bunk-in program, how many trucks, type of equipment, etc.

There have to be professionals out there that can advise us of what we need and work with us to help develop a proposal to provide ^{pro}perpective landlords. {I don't think the proposal is for landlords or prospective landlords – what does this mean?}

End.

In other business, with all of the preceding it is felt that Secretary LaBuzz attend an on-line "Secretary" training as provided by our Association and is required every few years to enable her to remain compliant with all State mandates.

Peachin expressed the need for an official Procurement Policy to be adopted by the Board as quickly as possible. This would insure that we do everything correctly according to Association standards.

Volpe requested how to procedurally post the minutes on the website. A discussion followed. The correct way to post them is AFTER they have been approved at the following meeting as they are not valid until they have been distributed to the members and voted on as being correct.

The days, times and locations of each Fire Commissioner's meetings must be posted at the Town Hall in the Clerk's office. This will be followed up to ensure they are in fact posted.

Butler asked if anyone in attendance had or wished to comment on the preceding meeting. A small discussion ensued.

End.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Peters to adjourn at approximately 6:36pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Butler", written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Butler