

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting - Stipulation Agreement with the City of Oneonta for Fire Protection
February 2, 2016

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

Members of the Public: Tom St. John, Town Councilwoman Trish Riddell Kent, Steve Kent, Michael Mancini, Andrew Turner, George Siatos, Charlotte Georgia, Janice Ackley

Mr. Volpe called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Fred Volpe, Michael Butler, Johna Peachin, Donald Lamanna

Mr. Volpe explained that this meeting is to review the agreement with the City of Oneonta for Fire Protection. Ms. Peachin explained that there is a stipulation agreement that was developed by the City Attorney and the Fire District's attorney in court on January 22, 2016. The attorneys agreed that they read the transcript of the proceedings. This meeting is to approve the terms of the stipulation. There will then be a public hearing to approve signing the three year contract with the City of Oneonta. The public hearing is scheduled for February 15, 2016 at 401 Chestnut Street (Elm Park Methodist Church).

The amount for the contract will be: \$1.03 million in year 1, \$1.05 million in year 2, and \$1.1 million in year 3.

Ms. Peachin stated that SUNY Oneonta may be receiving funds from NYS to use for public safety. She hopes that some of these funds will be applied to the Town Fire District.

Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the terms of the stipulation. Mr. Lamanna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Discussion: If either party does not approve the stipulation, the court will take action. No formula is contained within the agreement. However a task force is being formed that will study the issues and develop a formula. The task force will be comprised of two representatives from the City, two representatives from the Fire District and a consultant. Ms. Peachin stated that she is hopeful that two City Council members will be appointed to the task force.

Ms. Peachin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary