

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
February 14, 2017

Attendance: Michael Butler, Donald Lamana, Eugene Molinari, Johna Peachin, Fernando Volpe

Members of the Public: Luisa Montanti, Len Carson, Town Councilwoman Trish Riddell Kent, Steve Kent, Marsha Tiemann, Edwin Cox, Joyce Rowe, Charlotte Georgia, Michelle Catan

Mr. Butler called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Ms. Peachin made a motion to accept the January 2017 minutes. Mr. Volpe seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: (Attachment 1) The balance as of January 31, 2017 in the money market is \$44,815.80 and the checking account balance is \$1,301.52. The tax payment for \$1,134,925.00 and a PILOT payment for \$1,117.17 were received and deposited. The commissioners reviewed invoices due to McNeil & Company for insurance, The Daily Star for a legal notice, and VFIS for consulting fees. Mr. Molinari made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve the monthly bills. Ms. Peachin seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Ms. Peachin made a motion to approve the Resolution to Approve the Formation of the Oneonta Town Fire Department, Inc. (Attachment 2) Mr. Volpe seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

Committee Reports:

Task Force: Ms. Peachin reported that the work of the consultant is completed. Mr. Lamanna initiated a discussion regarding the net budget of the Oneonta City Fire Department. An article in The Daily Star indicated that the budget was \$2.8 million. The Fire District calculations indicate that the net budget is \$2.4 million. The fire district's 34% share of a \$2.4 million net budget would be about \$800,000.

Volunteer Fire Department Committee: Mr. Butler reported that the committee is working with other volunteer fire departments to gather information. A fire chief with 35 years of experience will serve as a consultant. A budget will be developed to determine costs. There will be a meeting with county officials and a fire equipment outfitter. A fire company must be formed to continue the process. The committee is reaching out to neighboring fire departments. Mr. Butler stated that there is a process and currently the committee is gathering facts and figures. The goal is to save money for the taxpayers.

New Business:

Coalition with Neighboring Districts

Gino Molinari made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lamanna seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20

Respectively submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary