

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2018

Attendance: Michelle Catan, Johna Peachin, Ron Peters, Alan Rubin, Fernando Volpe

Members of the Public: Town Councilwoman Trish Riddell Kent, Steve Kent, Marsha Tiemann

Ms. Peachin called the organizational meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Peachin asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Ms. Catan made a motion to nominate Mr. Rubin. There was no second to the motion. The commissioners felt that someone with experience on the Board should serve as Chairperson. Mr. Volpe made a motion to nominate Ms. Peachin as Chairperson. Mr. Rubin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Volpe made a motion to nominate Mr. Rubin as Vice-Chair. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Secretary/Treasurer: Ms. Peachin asked for a motion to appoint a secretary/treasurer. Mr. Peters made a motion to appoint Erica LaBuz to be the secretary/treasurer at the rate of \$1,100.00 per year. Mr. Rubin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Attorney: Ms. Peachin asked for a motion to designate Terrance Hannigan as the attorney for TOFD. Mr. Volpe made a motion to designate Terrance Hannigan as the attorney for TOFD. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Mr. Rubin asked if other attorneys were available. Mr. Volpe said that when the commissioners sought an attorney, there was one in Buffalo and Mr. Hannigan in Albany. A new attorney would have to learn the history of recent issues. Mr. Peters added that there is no retainer. We are billed for the services provided. Ms. Peachin said that we could always get a second opinion. Motion passed 5-0.

Newspaper: Ms. Peachin stated that she would like to keep The Daily Star as the official newspaper because they are a daily paper. Ms. Catan made a motion to name The Daily Star as the official newspaper. Mr. Volpe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bank: Mr. Volpe made a motion to continue using the Bank of Cooperstown. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. Mr. Rubin made a motion to approve the following signatures on the bank account: Erica LaBuz, Johna Peachin, Alan Rubin and Fred Volpe. Mr. Volpe seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Meetings of the Town of Oneonta Fire District will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Elm Park Methodist Church, 401 Chestnut Street, Oneonta with the exception of October and December. The October meeting will be held on October 16 (third Tuesday) to be in compliance with budget hearing dates. The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12 because elections are held on the second Tuesday in December. Mr. Volpe made a motion to accept the 2018 meeting schedule and location. Mr. Rubin seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York: Mr. Peters made a motion to continue membership in AFDSNY and pay membership dues of \$500.00 for 2018. Ms. Catan seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

The following policies were distributed: Code of Ethics, Investment, and Procurement. There was a question about some of the language in these policies so the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Volpe made a motion to adjourn the organizational meeting. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The organizational meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary