

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
February 13, 2018

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

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

Ms. Peachin called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Minutes: Mr. Volpe made a motion to accept the January 2018 minutes. Passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: The balance as of January 31, 2018 in the money market is \$96,398.25 and the checking account balance is \$1,234.29. Payments were made to the U. S. Department of the Treasury, Bryans and Gramuglia, the Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY, and The Daily Star.

The following payments were presented for approval:

NYS Department of Labor (automatic deduction from checking account) – \$14.31

McNeil and Company (insurance premium) - \$2,055.24

Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the payments. Ms. Catan seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Negotiations: Mr. Volpe made a motion to nominate Mr. Rubin to become a member the negotiation team. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Mr. Rubin reported that he recommended to Mayor Herzig that the City Manager and the Director of Finance be more engaged in the negotiations. Mr. Rubin requested a separation of costs for ambulance and fire services and documentation on how they arrived at those costs. Mr. Herzig said that those costs would be provided to the commissioners for the March 13, 2018 meeting. Mr. Rubin thanked the Mayor for his assistance and said that this would help the negotiations.

Department of Health and Human Services opinion on the legality of the ambulance and fire contracts: The attorney is working on this issue. It could take up to 60 days.

Fire District Website: Mr. Rubin raised a concern about e-mails between the Mayor and the commissioners that were posted to the website. Mr. Rubin recommended that summaries be posted to update the public. Ms. Catan said that there is no value in posting exact e-mails. In the future, information summarizing the ongoing negotiations will be posted on the website.

Mr. Volpe made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rubin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary