

Town of Oneonta Fire District
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
July 10, 2018

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

Members of the Public: Brett Holleran, Patricia Jacobs, Steve Kent, Trish Riddell Kent, Randall Mowers, Bob Wood

Mr. Rubin called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Minutes: Ms. Catan made a motion to accept the June 2018 minutes. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: The first 2018 contract payment was made to the City of Oneonta in the amount of \$366,666.67.

Balances are as follows: Money Market Account - \$857,996.60. Checking: \$5,949.12. An invoice for \$3,000.00 from Bryans and Gramuglia was presented for payment. Mr. Peters made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and approve the payment for the audit. Ms. Catan seconded the motion. Passed 3-0

Old Business: Mr. Rubin reported that meetings between the commissioners and Town Board have been productive. We are waiting for guidance from an audit from the Office of the State Comptroller. Dissolution of the fire district is no longer on the table. The issues are fairness and billing practices.

Mr. Holleran asked if the commissioners are willing to accept the guidance given by the Comptroller's audit. Mr. Peters responded that presumably the audit is authoritative. Mr. Rubin said the results of the audit will move this issue forward.

Ms. Jacobs expressed concern about the tax cap. Mr. Wood said that the Comptroller's audit will address the tax cap. Mr. Mowers stated that working with the State can be a lengthy process. Mr. Wood asked if OSC firmly committed to the audit. Mr. Peters said that they had not. Mr. Mowers asked if there was a back-up plan if the audit does not happen. Mr. Rubin said that there will be no gaps in service. Ms. Jacobs asked if the commissioners will try to get a 1-year extension on the contract. The commissioners responded that they would.

Mr. Rubin stated that the Fire District and Town Board need to move forward together. He stated that Ms. Peachin will work diligently to have the audit completed. Fairness is important. Ms. Jacobs asked what happens if the audit does not find in favor of separating the ambulance and fire contracts. Mr. Rubin responded that the commissioners will negotiate with the City by looking at all line items. They will consider that ambulance service is 75% of the activity. Historically, the City made a non-negotiable demand of \$1.1 million. He said that there are new communication tactics and the commissioners will work down from the starting point of \$1.1 million.

No other new business was presented.

Mr. Rubin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23PM.

Respectively submitted,

Erica N. LaBuz
Secretary