

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Tully Fire Station, 1 Railroad Street, Tully, New York at which time the following Commissioners were in attendance:

Commissioners:
Gary Malone, Chairman
Jeffrey Rothery, Deputy Chairman
Edward Wortley
Daniel Cooter, arrived at 7:45
Craig Clemons

Also present: Cheryl Wayne, Frank Speziale, Ben Bibik

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were reviewed – A motion was made by Commissioner Clemons and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to approve the March 2022 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Clemons and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the April 2022 invoices totaling \$23,124.43. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The bank reconciliation statements were signed by Commissioner Clemons.
2. I moved \$5,000 to the Apparatus Reserve, \$10,000 to the Air Bottle Reserve and \$10,000 to the Contingency Reserve. We will move the remaining Reserves at the end of year.
3. The check for \$1,500 for the DEC Grant reimbursement from 2021 came and was deposited into our checking account.
4. The 2021 audit was completed by Bonadio & Company. Commissioner Malone and I need to sign off on it tonight and then they will issue the final copies to us. I will have them all to you next month. The only issue they had was how I categorized the grant money received and they told me what to do in the future. They were once again complimentary of our business and handling of the funds and how it made for an easier audit for them. I had answers for any questions they had for me.

5. I bought 2 new printers from Staples that I need to be reimbursed for. I discovered that we have been taxed on some items because of the way their system works. I have sent in the necessary paperwork so we will be getting a credit by next month for any taxes paid and it should be cleared up going forward.

There is an invoice in tonight's bills from Staples that will be totally reimbursed by the Town and Village. We are waiting for another reimbursement coming still from last month.

6. I still have not completed the State Report. It is due now by May 1st.

7. Commissioner Cooter emailed Commissioner Wortley and I about getting our Unifirst Rug cleaning monthly invoice lowered to \$57.00 per month. That is a substantial savings from \$98.71 that it is now. He is dealing with Unifirst through his work so we appreciate him following through on this.

8. The 2 reimbursement checks from the Town for the Staples invoice came in today's mail. I will deposit them in the checking account.

9. I will order updated NY Fire Law 2022 Edition Books from LexisNexis.

Chief's report-

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Chief's Report by Frank Speziale

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Old Business:

- a) ~~Smoke Alarm and Co2 Detectors Grant... Status Still Pending.~~
- b) ~~TenKate applied for a Turn-Out Gear Grant.. Status Still Pending.~~
- c) ~~Discussed buying a used Fit Test Machine in the amount of \$6,500.00 from Jerome. New machine costs \$10,000.00. Much discussion... Tabled for another mtg in the future.~~
- d) ~~We did not burn the Banner barn due to a burn ban in effect.~~
- e) ~~One portable pump with a 275 gpm has been received. We still lack the suction hose for that pump which is back ordered.~~
- f) ~~Commissioners: Policy on Marijuana use for medical use and now that it's legal in New York State on driving District apparatus. Gary to update.~~
- g) New Thermal Imaging Camera has been received for Engine-14. Truck going to Priority Fire Tuesday to be installed.
- h) ~~Looking to add trailer receivers on RP-15. Waiting on receiver pricing from Priority Fire. Need to get pricing at purchasing a portable winch.~~

New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of March 2022: 9. Total year to date to March 2022: 50. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (March 2021): 34.

- Tully High School is having a Mock DWI Drill on Friday April 29th at 1pm.
- Town/Village Dump Day: Saturday May 14th from 9am to 3pm behind the Waste Water Treatment Facility.
- A Free Shredding Service: Will be available again this year on Saturday June 4th from 9am till 12 noon at the Municipal Building.

April Monday Evening Training:

- Monday April 11: New Rescue Saws In-Service / Truck Checks.
- Monday April 18: Stood-By at Amber FD to cover their District. / Truck checks.
- Wednesday April 20: (Daytime Training): Wild Land Firefighting / Rescue.
- Monday April 25: C.R.A.S.E. (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Emergency). This will be an In-House Class put on by Tully SRO Ray Herrick and Homer Police Chief Tom Pitman.

Purchases:

- TV for meeting room. Cost \$1599.00 at BJ's is Samsung or LG, \$1399.99 at Costco is LG. Working on getting a 3rd price (Best Buy / Olums). Also, who is installing?
- Had to purchase a new Laminating machine \$300.00. The one we had stopped working.

Building Repairs:

Station 2 needs a new roof per Commissioner Ed.

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- TP-11: Don came to the station to measure Hose Bed cover and a cover for the Blitz nozzle on TP-12. He was unable to provide approx cost. Also took to Priority Fire to replace a toggle switch to engage the pump and add gasket material for rear dump chute.
- Portable Pump: Need to take to E.C.K. for repair, (won't start).

General Comments:

- Banner Property: Need to seek Government funding for training area. Gary to provide map lay-out to Village Board. Village and Commissioner Boards need to agree on some kind of a purchase offer.
- Gary toured Cortlandville's training site. Need other Commissioners and Chief's to tour as a group.
- Solar Energy cost reduction in National Grid Bills. The reduction is 10% of the total bill. Will have Ben Bibik research further.

- Gary mentioned old siren and pole behind shopping mall still needs to come down.

Presidents Report- none

Ambulance Report- none

Old Business-

1. Commissioner Wortley is looking into replacing the southern property fence. It wont stay snapped together from the snow and settling. We can use the pieces for repair on the other sections if needed. He will get quotes and bring them back next month and we can decide what to do. There was talk of removing it all together.

2. Commissioner Cooter has a quote from Syracuse Time and Alarm and Eastern Security(Sonitrol). He will follow up on this month next month.

3. Commissioner Wortley is still looking into getting the roof on Station 2 done this year. He will keep everyone informed on this.

4. The siren is still on the pole out behind the old post office building. It is still on our insurance. We need to get that removed from both.

5. Commissioner Malone discussed at length visiting Cortlandville's Training Center. There are currently 4 buildings and he got a tour of all of them. He was very impressed. He would like to have a group tour with the other Commissioners for all to see. They applied for a lot of grants through the years to make it happen. The Village and Town work together well to utilize the buildings, space and trainings. He wants to present a map of the Banner property to our Village Board of a proposal to what we would like to do. There will be continued discussion on this project.

6. Commissioner Malone also stated Cortland had just had their epoxy bay floors redone. He will get the name of the company as ours are going to need to be done soon.

7. Commissioner Clemons said the kitchen sink cartridges need to be replaced.

New Business-

1. Commissioner Rothery will contact Little York Plantation about planting some annuals and refreshing mulch around the 911 Memorial. Commissioner Wortley was going to see about getting a load of mulch and have the career staff mulch the whole property as they have in the past.

2. The last heavy snowfall has snow piled up in the sidewalks again. We need to be clear with whoever is awarded the next bid what the rules are about keeping the sidewalk clear. Commissioners Malone and Wortley would like to see if the Town and Village would work with us for the next plow season. We should be sharing services if possible.

Policies- none

Grants- nothing new to report

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor- none

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Wayne

The remaining meeting dates are May 19, June 23, July 21, August 18, September 22, October 20, November 17 and December 15, 2022.

Meetings are held at the Tully Fire Station, 1 Railroad Street, Tully, NY 13159 beginning at 7:00 PM
