

# TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, April 20, 2023 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, absent  
Daniel Cooter ,listened in on a call  
Craig Clemons

Also present: Cheryl Wayne, Frank Speziale, David Prince, Ben Bibik, David Battle, Matt McGarrity, Dan Graves, Ben Bibik

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

**Minutes were reviewed** – A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to approve the March 2023 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Vouchers were approved-**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve the April 2023 invoices totaling \$18,241.24. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report-**

1. The reconciliation reports were signed by Commissioner Rothery.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts totaled \$3,717.77 for March.
3. The State report was filed for the District.

**Chief's report-**

**April 20, 2023**  
**Tully Joint Fire District**  
**Chief's Report by Frank Speziale**  
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## Old Business:

- a) ~~New Smoke Alarm and Co2 Detectors Grant...~~ **New Grant Pending.**
- b) ~~TenKate is applying for a Turn-Out Gear Grant. Radios done Onondaga Co Grant.~~ **47 Depts applied.**
- c) **TV for meeting room:** ~~Purchased at BJs. A podium will be built by John Bishop for \$1,500.00. The Commissioners to install TV on the wall. I need to go to Best Buy for a wall bracket.~~
- d) ~~Looking to add trailer receivers on RP-15. Waiting on receiver pricing from Priority Fire. Need to get pricing for a portable winch as well.~~
- e) **We have 2 fiberglass extension ladders...** One (1) is a 28' 2-Section, one (1) is a 35' 2-Section. We can't use them on our apparatus. **We may have buyer... Dave Denniston... Price? \$400 - \$500.**
- f) **Asking to buy a Lucas Device:** Gary would like to approach Dave Knapp to see if Onondaga Co Gov will help. (Waiting to get in contact w/ Dave Knapp.)
- g) **Re-Chassis Tp-11:** ~~Approx quote: \$138,000.00. Truck body & tank is Lifetime Warranty. New chassis will give the truck the life of another 30 years for half the cost of a totally brand new truck. Jeff mentioned Mark Aswad from 4-Guys. Approximate cost around \$138,000.00. Committee getting together to work on spec's.~~
- h) **Fire Commissioners to create a policy for Firefighter injuries** on the fire ground; whether a Tully alarm or Mutual aid alarm, should be transported to a hospital for evaluation unless the injury doesn't not pose to be a Life Threatening injury. If taken to a hospital, member must provide a written release from the doctor to be placed in his / her file before returning to active duty. **Working on it.**
- i) ~~Cheryl working on an account with Mirabito or Byrne Dairy. (Nothing yet.)~~
- j) ECK to come to the station to service portable equipment Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- k) **Quote for a Dash Cam Chief's:** (2.4" LCD 2160p & Front + 1080p Rear Wide Angle Dual Channel with Rear Cam, G-Sensor, WDR, Loop Recording Mobile App Dash Cam), (1) Micro SD Card 128 GB \$28.92,) = \$325.00, 2.5 hours Labor (\$110.00/hr) = \$275.00, Total: \$628.92. Price for RP-15, Eng-14, TP-12... \$704.00. **Didn't really get an answer as to when to purchase.**
- l) **Southern Tier Training Facility:** Should add signage Property of and / or No Trespassing. Discussion followed. Jim Potter looking to start tilling soil. Said he found 1 ground stake but didn't see the other where we connect with his farming area. **Per Commissioners, have Potter plant his crop. It will probably be sometime next year before anything will be done on the property.**
- m) **Old Fire Gear:** Will be reducing some inventory in non useable gear. **It's ok to put in the dumpster? Also check with vol members if they are interested to have.**

## New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of Mar 2023: 15. Total year to date to Mar 2023:38. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Mar 2022): 50.

#### **April Monday Evening Training:**

- Monday April 3: EMS Awareness w/ Amb Staff.
- Monday April 10: Monthly Business Mtg (chgd due to members away for vacation).
- Monday April 17: OFPC Vehicle Extrication (Class Room) / Tour 9-1-1 Center
- Wednesday April 19: (Daytime Training): Wildland Fire Fighting / Rescue.
- Monday April 24: OFPC Vehicle Extrication (Class Room) /Truck / SCBA Checks.

#### **Purchases:**

- Lawn Mower: Staff is asking for a new mower. Approx price at Lowes \$450.00. **Since the Commissioners meeting, Matt went to Home Depot and purchased an electric operated self propelled Ryobi push mower. He said it was around \$500...It was charged on the Fire District Credit Card. I told Matt we need a receipt for our records.**

#### **Building Repairs:**

#### **Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:**

- RP-15: Had an issue with dash warning indicators coming on. I notified Matt and he recommended Priority Fire to look at it. After doing a diagnostic check it was found to have a bad Crankcase Filter. Per Matt and Jeff, Cummins Northeast was brought in to repair. RP-15: Again... Had an issue with dash warning indicators coming on. Found the coolant level down and 2 gallons were added. Also, found residue leaking near the coolant sensor. Spoke to Jeff to see if we could get Doodys to repair. **Since the Commissioners meeting, the Coolant Sensor was repaired by Doody Brothers Garage and the truck is back in service.**
- We have a 50 ft length of hose with a separated liner from the outside jacket. Hose tests will be due soon; will wait for testing to be done before buying. We have spare.

#### **General Comments:**

- Southern Tier Training Facility committee consists of 2 Commissioners (Gary & Jeff), 1 Career Person (Matt McGarrity), and 2 Line Officers (Frank and Asst Chief Dave Battle). **Will sit down soon for a Committee meeting.**
- n) Used Holmatro tool: Found the power unit until after Commissioner's meeting. Quote from Holmatro Service Rep. is \$1,100.00 that includes the Spreader, Cutter, Ram, Manual Pump, and Hydraulic Hoses. **Per Commissioners, quote for the HRT components is accepted plus Jeff wants 40 hats.**
- o) Boralex Solor Project on Skyhigh Rd: Meeting is set for April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. Will bring TP-11 for the driveway / road test.
- p) ClearPath Energy: They want to do a walk around with Members to tour the Potter Farm Solar Project. Meeting is Monday the 24th at 6pm for all interested.

**Presidents Report-**

1. The Tully Hose Company will not be holding the fishing derby this year. There still will be 2 raffles held.
2. The Hose Company will be marching in the Memorial Day parade as they do every year.
3. The Girls of Summer Lacrosse tournament will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Hose Company will park cars.
4. The Hose Company accepted new member Matthew Doody. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve Matt as a new member. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Ambulance Report:**

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1. Number of EMS calls for March Was 55
2. A new stretcher is on order with a June/July delivery date.
3. The new civil service list should be available in the first part of May. WE hope to be able to fill our part time position from that.

**Old Business-**

1. Last month, Matt McGarrity and Commissioner Rothery discussed using a computer software program PSTRAX. It is an inventory management program that would be beneficial to tracking truck repairs and our inventory at the station. We currently have a version of this but this program can do more. There was a lot of discussion about this. It costs \$1.950 per year. There is a set up fee the first year but it is fully refundable program after one year if we feel it doesn't fit our needs. Chad also said he would use it for the Ambulance tracking. After more discussion, A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve a one year trial of this program. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to surplus our old holmatro tool. The motion was unanimously approved.

**New Business-**

1. The Hose Company is going to meet with the solar company about access to their panels with our trucks.

**Policies-**

1. We need to review our cyber policy.
- 2 Commissioner Malone is working on an injury policy.
3. We will update our fit test in regards to our physical policy.

**Grants-** TenKate submitted a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for the District.

Commissioner Malone will Speak with Dave Knapp for any additional money available to us. He has emailed him without success lately.

**Legal-** none

**Visitors Questions from the floor-**

1. Chief Speziale spoke about the reduction in taxes available to current firefighters as incentive to become members. He would like to have a representative come a give a presentation about it. There could be up to a 10% discount.

He would also like to have the district consider a LOSAP program. We are one of the few districts that it is not available to members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Wayne

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

Remaining 2023 meeting dates are May 18, June 29, July 20, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21

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