

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, August 24, 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
Daniel Cooter
Craig Clemons

Also present: Cheryl Wayne, Frank Speziale, David Prince, Ben Bibik, David Battle, Mike Bradley

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

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

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve the August 2023 invoices totaling \$43,110.11. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The reconciliation reports were signed by Commissioner Cooter.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts totaled \$4,175.18 for July.
3. The 2% Foreign Insurance money was deposited into our checking account. It totaled \$13,991.62. I incorrectly used a different number (the Hoffman Road deposited check) in determining the split for The Career Staff and the Hose Company. I wrote each of them a second check to balance the corrected totals.
4. I reported last month that Dave Battle submitted a mileage sheet. It was actually Dan Graves. I wrote him a check.
5. I will need to move funds from the NYClass working capital account to our checking account when the bond payment is due September 15th. I am trying to

- leave it in the reserve account as long as possible because the interest rate is so high in NYClass.
6. The 2 claims to the NYSIF have been submitted and are being processed.
 7. There are a couple older invoices submitted for payment from the Hose Company. They need the receipts submitted too before I will pay them.
 8. The NYSIF yearly audit was completed by email this year.
 9. I will email all commissioners the cleaned up copy of the preliminary budget we just completed tonight.

Chief's report-

August 24, 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... Grant Still Pending.~~
- b) ~~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 have the Bracket.~~
- c) ~~Asking to buy a Lucas Device:~~ Asking Dave Knapp / County Legislators. *Still nothing.*
- d) ~~**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.~~
- e) Southern Tier Training Facility: Still need to add signage "Property of" and / or "No Trespassing". Jim Potter is growing corn. Ed working on signs to read "Property of Tully Fire District and No Trespassing". *Ed had a sign made... looks nice!*

New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of July 2023: **19**. Total year to date to July 2023: **114**. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (July 2022): **105**.

August Monday Evening Training:

- Monday Aug 14: TIC & Lime Disease Awareness Training by Elizabeth Belfour.
- Monday Aug 16: **(Daytime Training):** Fire Pumps / Hydrants and Streams.
- Monday Aug 21: Boat/ Lake Rescue w/ Apulia Fire Dept.
- Monday Aug 28: Truck / SCBA check.

Purchases:

- Ben ordered 6 Vehicle Chargers for the new portable radios for trucks last month, was at \$120.00 ea (\$720.00). Now changed to \$220. An increase of \$100.00 each. (\$600.00 additional). This is for portable radio's we got from Onondaga Co grant.
- Bought 2 (1 Gallon cans) of 50-1, 2 cycle premixed fuel for saws at \$20 each (\$40.00).
- We have six (6) members looking to take an EMT Class. New York State will pay for the class but not the Labs. The Labs cost \$150.00/ student. (\$900.00). Ben, Charlie, Lucas Bibiks, Dave Prince, Josh Prince, and Justin Chawgo. *Per Board ok A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve this class. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- Need 4 new Helmet's \$375 each (\$1,500.00) 2 for new members, 2 spare inventory. *Per Board ok to buy. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to approve this purchase. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- Need spare hose... (4) 1-3/4" x 50' lengths (\$696.00), (3) 1-3/4" x 6' lengths (\$207.00), (4) 2-1/2" x 50' lengths (\$920.00). Total for all hose...\$1,823.00. *Per Board ok to buy.*
- *A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to approve this purchase. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Building Repairs:

Station 1: Weather Stripping on most overhead doors need replacing or reattached. *Ed mentioned approx \$3,000.00 to repair/ replace.*

Station 2: A small Air Compressor is needed to keep truck air up. Approx cost \$300 Harbor Frt. *Per Board ok to buy.*

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- Apparatus is in for annual maintenance. TP-11 will possibly need pump rebuild next year.

General Comments:

- Southern Tier Training Facility committee consists of (Gary & Jeff), (Matt McGarrity), and 2 Line Officers (Frank and Asst Chief Dave Battle). A brief meeting was held with Gary, Jeff, Myself, D. Battle, and M. MaGarrity. Discussed layout plan and training structures. *Gary to get committee to meet soon.*
- Christmas tree still needs to be trimmed. *Bruce Graham to be notified.*
- Ambulance Staffing switching to 24 hour shifts... 24 on, 24 off, 24 on, 5 days off. A Firefighter/ Paramedic and Firefighter EMT/ Driver will be on duty to better staff the Ambulance. Drivers will be able to cover during the night. Volunteer members could still driver their normal shifts or staff the second ambulance as a BLS rig giving the District better coverage.

- Tuesday Aug 29th: Firefighter Day at the Fair... will be taking a truck to the parade.

Presidents Report-

1. The Hose Company has 2 Junior members going through training right now.
2. Cash Bash tickets will be available beginning Monday.
3. September 9th is Tully Community Days. The Hose Company will have a booth.
4. The By-law committee is reviewing the Hose Company By-laws. They should be completed by November.
5. The trailer repair should be completed by next month.
6. The antique cart needs some repairs and will be displayed at the Homer Fire Museum.
7. The new PStrax system is up and running Matt McGarrity has been putting all our information in it. He has cleaning schedules set up and truck information.
8. There needs to be better communication when a truck is out of service. The trucks were being serviced by Priority Fire this month.
9. The trees along Jeff Rothery's property need to be trimmed now that they are bigger. Commissioner Malone will speak with Cody Carroll about trimming them.

Ambulance Report:

1. Number of EMS calls for July Was 37
2. Still Doing Interviews To Try To Fill The Open Full Time Position, Looking Into Some Additional Options.
3. Had Some Repairs To Both A-1 And A-2. A-1 Has A Catalytic Converter Issue Along With The Def System. Trying To Get That Covered Under Warranty.
4. New Stretcher Delivery Any Day Now.

Old Business-

1. Commissioner Cooter repaired the washing machine, It has balls of the floor mops stuck in it. He cleaned it out and it seems to be working. We need to replace the mops sooner so they do not fall apart when washed. The fittings on the reels need repair.

New Business-

1. We will get quotes for our insurance this year. Our policy renews March 1st. We typically like to keep a carrier for 3 years before getting new quotes.

Policies-

1. We need to review our internet usage policy.
2. We will update our fit test in regards to our physical policy. There was discussion about the wording in the policy. Commissioner Malone will review this again and make any necessary changes and bring it back for approval next month.

Grants-

1. FEMA has just begun awarding the grants for the year. We hope to hear soon.

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor-

Commissioner Clemons reported that the dive trailer will be going to Liverpool for a more centralized location. We will need to clean out our equipment and find a place to store it.

Dave Prince stated that our old Engine 11 is retired and for sale. The current owner said he would donate it back to the district if we were interested. We really have no use for the truck at this time. He is going to bring it up at the Hose Company meeting to see what they say. It needs about \$8-10,000 worth of repairs on it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to adjourn the regular meeting to executive session at 7:55 PM to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to adjourn executive session at 8:15 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:17 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 October 19, November 16, and December 21
