

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, February 24, 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

Craig Clemons, absent

Also present: Cheryl Wayne, Frank Speziale, Dave Prince

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

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

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve the February 2022 invoices totaling \$263,568.51. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The reconciliation report was signed by Commissioner Cooter.
2. The Tax levy check was deposited into the checking account.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to move \$97.20 from the Fire District Memorial Reserve Account to pay for flowers for Marilyn Brown.
4. I included the snow removal money in tonight bills to be reimbursed back to the town for the private roads totaling \$8,421.50.
5. The building bond (\$145,000) and interest (\$59,900) payments are due March 15th. I included them in this month's abstract.
6. I am working on the State Report.
7. The audit with The Bonodio Group should be starting soon.

Chief's report-

February 24, 2022
Tully Joint Fire District
Chief's Report by Frank Speziale
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Old Business:

- **Grants:**

- ~~a) Smoke Alarm and Co2 Detectors Grant... Status Still nothing.~~
- ~~b) Gary mentioned that TenKate applied for a Turn-Out Gear Grant..~~
- 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) Looking to burn the Banner barn on Saturday March 19th providing weather is ok.

- **Still Waiting (On Back Order)**

- ~~e) 2 Stihl vent saws... \$1,350.00. Purchased 2 at \$2,700.00, 1 for each Engine. Approved up to \$3,000 are back ordered.~~
- ~~f) The 2 portable pumps that were approved are still back ordered.~~

New Business:

- **Alarms:** For the month of January 2022: 18. Total year to date January 2022: 18. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (January 2021): 4.
- **Commissioners:** Need to develop a policy on Marijuana use for medical use and now that it's legal in New York State on driving District apparatus. *Gary to update.*

Monday Evening Training:

- February 14: Snow Grooming Machine Rescue
- February 21: Fire Investigation Team Presentation on Do's and Don't's.
- **Wednesday Daytime Training:**
- Day Drill: Wed February 16th – Breathe Down
- February 28: Truck / SCBA Checks.

Purchases:

- Need to buy a new Thermal Imaging Camera for Engine-14. The current unit is not working and is not repairable. MSA does not make the same charger any longer and a new unit needs to be purchased. Approx Cost: \$8,000. *Approved to buy up to \$8,000.* A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the purchase of a the camera, The motion was unanimously approved.

Building Repairs: I need 3 more keys from Ed for Station 2.

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- RP-15: Going to Priority Fire Monday the 28th to install the rear ladder and Arrow Light. Will be gone for 2 or 3 days.
- TP-11: Hose Bed Cover. Don had COVID. He offered to come to Tully to measure the hosebed cover and the cover for the Blitz nozzle on TP-12.

General Comments:

- ~~Banner Property: Village Board and their Atty came to an agreement to lease the two acres for \$50.00 per year. We (Chief, Village, and Commissioner) should meet to finalize what we are able to do on the property. Can we build or add portable structures for training, do land adjustments to level the ground, etc? Also need to seek funding from Government. Commissioners to meet with Village Board for option to buy. Concerns are grants might not be available if property is leased.~~
- ~~Looking to add trailer receivers on RP-15. Will get pricing while truck is at Priority Fire. Beginning first of the year look at purchasing a portable winch. Will get pricing first.~~
- Outside lighting needs adjusting for parking areas (they come on at 4pm), and the display sign needs to be on during the night.
- Vedad needed \$125.00 for taking a class at the NYS Fire Academy. By taking this class he will be able to teach our members basic fire classes when our people can't get training at other locations. A voucher still needs to be filled out for this. *Approved by the Board.*
- We need a new US Flag for the flagpole out front. Cheryl is going to order a new one.
- President Prince asked to tell the Board the Hose Co Banquet is back on for March 26th.
- **Were the following guidelines reviewed by the Commissioners?** Chad has reviewed them and is ok with them.

Career Staff Response for Alarms:

- If Volunteer staff is available to staff Engine-14, the Paramedic should respond as well in the Medic Car along with Engine-14 to the scene. IF Engine-14 lacks a driver, the Paramedic on Duty shall be the driver. The Paramedic should wait approximately 5 minutes before responding in the medic car, to make sure a driver is available to drive the Engine.
- During the daytime, volunteer members are few. The daytime Career staff (if not on an ambulance call) will respond in Engine-14 to the alarm, advise Fire Control the medic car is out of service. When the alarm is closed and the Engine returns to service, Fire Control shall put the Medic Car back in service.
- During nights and weekends, there are times volunteer staff is limited, and if the Career Paramedic on duty is not on an ambulance call, he shall commit to Engine-14, either as a driver or firefighter, advise Fire Control the medic car is out of service. When the alarm is closed and the Engine returns to service, Fire Control shall put the Medic Car back in service.

- Ambulance Alarms in the Tully District and or Mutual Aid to a neighboring District... If the Paramedic is in the Engine, shall respond (within reason) direct to the scene and meet up with Tully Ambulance or a Mutual Aid Ambulance. Volunteer staff can bring the Engine back to Tully if the Paramedic meets with another ambulance. Patient Care should not be delayed due to the Paramedic being in the Engine. It's all about community service; the citizens of the community come first.
- IF a neighboring Dept calls Tully for an Apparatus to the scene of a fire looking for manpower, the Career Staff can respond to assist with manpower. Another Fire Dept at that point shall be dispatched to cover Tully for alarms.
- IF a neighboring Dept calls Tully for an Apparatus to Stand-By to cover their Fire District, the Career Staff on duty, whether it be during the day, nights, or weekends, shall not stand-by in another district. They can Stand-By in our District. If volunteer staff is available, they can staff an Engine to cover a requesting dept to stand-by in their District.

Presidents Report- no report

Ambulance Report-

1. Number of EMS calls for January Was 41
2. New Portable Radios Are Here, They Are At United Radio Being Programmed.
3. They Stryker Lucas Device Will Be Shipped To Us Within The Next Week Or So.
4. A-2 Going For Front Tires, And A-1 Going For Rear Tires This Month.
5. We Have Covid Tests At The Station. Tests Have To Be Done There As There Is Only 1 Small Bottle Of Solution For Every 40 Test Strips.
6. If Anyone Needs A Few N95 Masks, Let Me Know. I Have A lot Of Them.

Old Business-

1.The Commissioners are going to attend the Village Board meeting on March 2nd to discuss the potential purchase of the Banner property on Route 11. This would be used for training purposes.

New Business-

1. Snow Removal done at the station must not be piled in the sidewalks. Commissioner Wortley got a call from the codes enforcer regarding this. It would be nice for ALL entities of Tully to work together for the good of the taxpayers to handle a situation. John Herold will move snow if necessary in a big storm.

2. Station 2 is going to need a new roof soon. Commissioner Wortley will start looking at ideas into getting that completed soon. We will need to get quotes for the work.
3. Commissioner Cooter has a contact at Unifirst regarding our rugs. The price for cleaning seems to be higher than we need to be paying. He is going to get more information and report more next month.
4. Commissioner Cooter email updated the Commissioners on the old Air-Vac System at the Station. (see attached email below) It was agreed by all Commissioners to leave it in place as a backup if needed.

I've been in contact with AirVac directly on assigning a valuation to our used (6-total) units presently hanging from the ceiling. In today's money, those units sell for \$4K (each). We're not even beyond the lifecycle that these units would last, nor are they obsolete. The filters we purchased in July 2020 totaling \$2,821.00 are good enough for one complete filter change, plus additional pre-filters for quarterly changes. The manufacturer stated that our main filters are supposed to be changed every 2-years and the pre-filters every 3-4 months (quarterly).

What we have hanging, new without installation and electrical, etc would cost us roughly \$27K.

Even if we were to devalue them 50% to sell elsewhere, I don't see that it would be in our best interest to make \$13K put in the bank, rather we keep them in place for our ability to positively clean the air if/when we have gatherings in the truck bays. We should change the filters if they've not been done in the last 2-years to keep them ready for use and not have to store the filters someplace in the building where they might get lost or damaged.

Respectfully,
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5. Commissioner Malone commented on the great rate we are getting for our insurance. It is low for the industry at this time. The yearly invoice is included in tonight's bills.

Policies- none

Grants- none

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor-

- 1.Chief Speziale stated that the Installation Banquet is back on March 26th. More details to follow soon.
- 2.There was discussion about outside groups using the Fire Station again. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to open up the Fire Station for outside use. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Wayne

The remaining meeting dates are March 24, April 21, 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
