

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, February 19, 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, arrived at 7:15 PM

Daniel Cooter

Craig Clemons, absent

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

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 2023 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the February 2023 invoices totaling \$34,920.85. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The reconciliation reports were signed by Commissioner Rothery.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts totaled \$\$2,278.49 for January.
3. The tax check came from the Town. The tax levy was \$664,570.89 and I deposited it into the checking account. The snow removal was \$8,592.05. I included it in tonight's invoices to reimburse them.
4. We should pass a resolution to approve opening a reserve account for our working capital. The interest is so much greater than leaving it in the checking account. We can move it back as needed through the year. We should also decide if we want to move the reserve funds for the year now to gain more interest. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve opening a working capital account through NY Class for an initial

amount of \$200,000.00. This will leave us with 2-3 months of funds in the checking and allow us to gain interest at a higher rate. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the transfers of the following amounts to our reserve accounts in NY Class as approved in our 2023 budget.

\$10,000	SCBA
\$54,000	New Equipment Fund
\$5,000	Radio Reserve
\$10,000	Contingency Reserve
\$20,000	Building Reserve

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. I paid the NYSIF payment once I deposited the tax check.
6. I purchased a new vacuum cleaner for the station on the company card.
7. The siren has been removed from our insurance. It saves us \$5.00 per month.
8. The State report needs to be completed by March 1. I hope to finish it this weekend.
9. The Fire station March bond payment and March interest payment are due March 15th. I will pay these and include them in our March Abstract as the March meeting is the 30th.
10. I received a check from Scolaro Law Firm attorneys for overage payment of \$89.30. I will deposit it into our checking account.

Chief's report-

February 16, 2023
Tully Joint Fire District
Chief's Report by Frank Speziale
Email: exthcchief@gmail.com

Old Business:

- a) ~~Smoke Alarm and Co2 Detectors Grant... Still Pending.~~
- b) ~~TenKate is applying for a Turn Out Gear Grant. Radios will be done another time.~~
- c) **Banner Barn:** Burning this Saturday...February 18th.
- d) **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.~~
- e) **Can 18 year old members drive Squad-63 to training classes?** It's pretty much a pickup truck with a utility body on it. It would save the Fire District on paying mileage. **Per Insurance...The bottom line is it is up to you what you deem an acceptable age to drive.** Just for the Board's consideration is for classes only, not to be used to run on calls. **Per Board, must be 21 years of age to operate apparatus.**
- f) ~~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.~~

- g) **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. **Advertise on Social Media to sell.**
A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to surplus these 2 ladders. The motion was unanimously approved.
- h) **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.)
- i) **Re-Chassis Tp-11:** Approx cost: \$180,000.00 - \$200,000.00). 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. Will get Committee together to work on spec's. This would obviously need to go to bid but everyone agreed that it was a great price.**
- j) **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.
- k) **Physicals Update:** Dave Battle has list. There was discussion about active/ inactive members affecting our Workers comp insurance. New members MUST have a physical before they are allowed to do anything. Commissioner Rothery suggested having a welcome packet for new members and they should get one as they are submitting an application so they know what to expect. They are not members officially until approval by the Commissioners.
- l) ~~**Cheryl working on an account with Mirabito or Byrne Dairy.** (Status? Nothing yet.)~~
- m) ~~**ECK still needs to come to the station to service portable equipment.** First of the year.~~
- n) There was discussion about reconditioning the holmatrol tool off the engine or possibly sell it.

New Business:

- **Alarms:** For the month of Jan 2023: 10. Total year to date to Jan 2023: 10. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Jan 2022):18.
- **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. Need price for RP-15, Eng-14, TP-12 for now. This is tabled until next month.
- **Old Fire Gear:** Will be reducing some inventory in non-useable gear. **It's ok to put in the dumpster?**
- **February, Monday Evening Training:**
- **Monday February 13:** Interior Search / Wall Breach OPs at 58 State St.

- Wednesday February 16: (Daytime Training): SCBA Recertification
- Monday February 20: Sexual Harassment / Right to Know (OSHA).
- Monday February 27: Truck / SCBA Checks.

Purchases:

- Would like to buy:
- Four (4) Helmets: \$329.87 ea, Total: \$1,319.48. **Ok to buy by Board.**
- Six (6) Motorola Pagers: \$420.00 ea, Total: \$2520.00. **Ok to buy by Board.**
- One (1) Class-D Extinguisher: \$765.00. Used for Metal Fires/Batteries in Electric Cars. **Ok to buy by Board.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to approve these purchases, The motion was unanimously approved.

Building Repairs:

- The Heater/ A/C Unit in the Radio Room is colder than a meat locker, **waiting on parts.**

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

General Comments:

- ~~Southern Tier Training Facility committee consists of 2 Commissioners (Gary & Jeff), 1 Career Person (Matt McGarrity), 2 Line Officers (Frank and Asst Chief Dave Battle).~~ Property taken care of between Village and Fire District attorneys. **All set.**
- o) **Portable Radio's:** An email was sent to County Chief's for a Regional Grant and I have not had any replies as of yet. Commissioner Malone will fill out an application and submit it ASAP. He is also going to speak to Dave Knapp to see if he can help us in any way.
- p) **Legislative Conversation:** Ben, Joe, and I recently attended a Seminar in Cicero. One of the topics was the Mayday call in Marcellus in March 2022; where one of their members went into Cardiac Arrest shortly after arriving at a Fire. The topic of discussion is regarding insurance because it being a worker's comp case, they are having problems getting insurance to pay for their medical bills. The problem is not Workers Comp, it's the insurance co. The question attendees are asking... Does our insurance policy cover our members on medical incidents that involve pre existing issues? **Gary to look into it.**

Presidents Report-

1. The Tully Hose Company will be having the fishing derby again this year. There will be raffles held.
2. Our local ONCO Brewery will be hosting a Hose Company event. They are debuting a new beer and the Hose Company is honoring them with the Everett Hansel award this year.
3. The Tully Hose Company By-law committee will meet Tuesday to review the current by-laws and make any necessary changes.
4. Chief Speziale will purchase a wall mount for our TV.so we can get the old screen taken down and the new TV up.
- 5.The Hose Company would like to purchase a pool table to put up on the mezzanine with the workout equipment.

6. The heat in the radio room needs to be repaired.
7. The drains need to be cleaned out this spring.

Ambulance Report:

1. Number of EMS calls for January Was 50
2. Contracts For Fabius and Pompey Hill Have Been Sent
3. A2 Got 4 New Tires
4. A1, A2 And Mc1 Have All Been Serviced.
5. I Am Canvassing The Last 3 Score Groups On The Civil Service List. New Firefighter-EMT Test Is Later This Month. New List Should Be Established By April.

Old Business-

1. Dr. Edinger's office will still be handling our physicals for the year. Any member may use their own physician if they choose to. A nurse practitioner may also sign off on a member's physical.

New Business-

1. There was discussion about the solar panels and the expansion by Kinneys. Do we need a lighter ATV vehicle to access any issues with them on the hill? Should we approach the Town Board regarding this? The Otisco Fire District got a grant for their ATV. We could ask them for input. There should be some training for local fire departments when solar is installed. We will look into this more.

We also discussed the electric chargers. Circle K has them and McNerneys are installing them too. We need to have more information on how to handle any emergencies with them.

2. 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. They are going to get more information and we will address this again next month.

Policies- We discussed earlier a new policy when a member gets hurt on a call. There are currently Hose Company policies in place but it could be updated.

Grants- none

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 8:35 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 March 30, April 20, May 18, June 29, July 20, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21
