

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, February 15, 2024 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 Battle, Joe Nemier, Ben Bibik, Dave Prince

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

The Commissioners are reviewing our current insurance and had presentations by Utica Mutual, VFIS and ESIP. There were a lot of good questions answered and very thorough discussions about the districts needs and importance of our insurance.

Minutes were reviewed – A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to approve the January 2024 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve the February 2024 invoices totaling \$ 46,310.65. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The bank reconciliations were signed by Commissioner Cooter.
2. The interest on the reserve accounts for January totaled \$3,897.83
3. I started the state report. They have changed the report this year. I hope to finish it next week.
4. I notified Syracuse Haulers for recycling pickup twice a month. They will change our contract.

5. Workers Comp yearly down \$1,400 from last year.
6. I bought a new flag
7. Pizzuto snow invoice?? Town reported they plowed 4 times in January
8. Reimbursement to Town of Tully for snowplowing the private roads \$8,760.66
9. The went to the Town meeting last night to get the tax levy check. \$690,856.03 and \$8,760.66 for snowplowing \$699,616.69. I deposited it tonight before the meeting.
10. Do we want to transfer the reserve funds for 2024 into the NY Class reserve accounts now? See budget VS actual for amounts. It totals \$104,252.00.
A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to move

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| \$10,000 | Bottle reserve |
| \$44,252 | New Equipment Fund |
| \$10,000 | Radio Reserve |
| \$10,000 | Contingency Reserve |
| \$25,000 | Building Reserve |
| \$5,000 | Apparatus Repair Reserve |
| \$495,000 | Working Capital Reserve |

 I transferred 5- \$99,000 amounts because it needs to be under \$100,000 a per transaction per rules. That leaves us with about \$65,000 in the checking account.
11. The bond principal (\$155,000) and interest payment (\$56,275) are due March 15th. I will transfer funds back to the checking when I schedule the wire transfer.
12. There is Commissioner training on March 20 at the Mattydale Fire Department. Commissioners Wortley, Rothery and Clemons are going to attend the training. I will send in the payment for the training.

Chief's report-

- 1.Total calls to date is 22. Toal calls in January was 18.
- 2.E-14 is going out to ave a 110 plug wired for the new tool and fan
- 3.New fire gear was ordered for Rob from Fire Dex. He will be trying that gear out to hopefully be able to save on the cost of turnout gear in the future.
- 4.The EVOC class at the station is scheduled for April 4,9,11,16,18 and 20th.
- 5.We are updating drivers licenses for all department members. E will need to update our insurance company also.
- 6.There are old radios in the radio room that need to be disposed. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to surplus the obsolete radios. It was suggested to bring them to Battery World. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7.There is a TIMS Class scheduled on March 18 and 21st.
(Traffic Incident Management)
- 8.OSHA Training will be conducted for training this month.
- 9.Physicals are being reviewed to be sure they are all up to date.

Truck Committee- Commissioner Rothery discussed the re-chassis of the freightliner. He met with 4 GUYS and it was determined with all that needs to be done, it would cost about \$465,000 to rebuild as compared to \$525,000 for a new

truck. The committee needs to get some specs together as the build time is about 1½ years. They will have a committee meeting again soon.

Training Facility- Commissioner Malone took himself off the Committee and Commissioner Cooter will take his place as Commissioner.

Presidents Report-

Dave Prince was not present. He reported that the paperwork to change ownership of the trailer needs to be transferred to the district so it can be insured.

Ambulance Report: no report

Old Business-

1. Rich Shaw is ordering parts for the hose reels and will repair ASAP. The water softener may need to be repaired. The water is eating the insides of the hose which is why we are having issues.
2. We got a new brush for our floor machine.

New Business-

1. We discussed the insurance presentations at length. The Quotes from each company was: Utica Mutual \$18,084, VFIS \$19,148 and ESIP \$24,843.

After a lot of discussion, A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve ESIP as our Insurance carrier for 2024 beginning March 1st. The motion was unanimously approved. They have a lot to offer and are Fire Department oriented.

Policies- Commissioner Malone will update any policies that need to be this year.

Grants- nothing

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor- none

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Wayne

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