

# TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, January 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  
Craig Clemons

Dan Cooter, absent

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

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 Wortley to approve the December 2022 Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve the January 2023 Organizational minutes. The two motions was unanimously approved.

## **Vouchers were approved-**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve the December 2022 Year end invoices totaling \$3,829.55 and the January 2023 invoices totaling \$46,988.18. The two motions was unanimously approved.

## **Treasurer's Report-**

- 1. The reconciliation reports were signed by Commissioner Wortley.**
- 2. The interest on the reserve accounts totaled \$1,755.70 for December.**
- 3. The new key fob system is up and running. If anyone has any issues with their FOB's, please get ahold of me.**
- 4. I wondered about opening a savings account through NY Class for our working capital when the tax check comes from the Town. The interest is very high and we could put most of it there and make a motion to move it back into the checking as needed.**
- 5. I will hold the NYSIF payment until the tax check comes. We do not have enough in the checkbook to cover all the invoices tonight. I do this every year.**

Chief's report-

January 19, 2023  
Tully Joint Fire District  
Chief's Report by Frank Speziale  
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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) (Per Tenkate) Could we could look into a Regional Grant for portable radios.
- d) ~~Banner barn burn is postponed until further notice.~~
- e) 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.~~
- f) **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. ***Tabled for another month.***
- g) ~~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.~~
- 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 is 28 yrs old, will likely be 1-1/2 / 2 years or so to get a chassis. 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 came to measure up TP-11 so he will be putting a price together soon. Waiting on pricing to proceed.***
- 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.
- l) ~~Cheryl working on an account with Mirabito or Byrne Dairy. (Status?)~~

- m) ~~Solar Energy cost reduction in National Grid Bills. The reduction is 10% of the total bill.~~ Ben Bibik researched further... waiting on National Grid regarding safety OPs.
- n) ~~ECK still needs to come to the station to service portable equipment.~~ First of the year.

**New Business:**

- Alarms: For the month of Dec 2022: 25. Total year to date to Dec 2022: 193. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Dec 2021): 155.

**January Monday Evening Training:**

- Monday January 16: Combined Training w/ Preble/ Tully/ Homer at Paul Bunyan.
- Wednesday January 18: (Daytime Training): OSHA
- Monday January 23: Bloodborne Pathogens (OSHA).
- Monday January 30: Fire Ext / SCBA / Truck Checks.

**Purchases:**

- None at this time.

**Building Repairs:**

- None to my knowledge.

**Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:**

- ~~All trucks need windshield wipers replaced. Matt had to order... Waiting on wipers to come in.~~
- I have a bad bulb in my light bar. The bulb has a warranty so the only fee will be labor.

**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. Homer, Cortland, and Cortlandville are in a grant but too late to tag on.
- p) 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. Should be sold.

**Presidents Report-**

1. The Tully Hose Company Installation Banquet will be held January 21, 2023 at Orchard Vali Golf Course. There are 75 people attending.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Clemons and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve Alison O'Mara as a new member. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. There was further discussion about holding onto the smartboard and using it in the future training center at the Banner property. We need to get the new TV hung up in its place now.

**Ambulance Report:**

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1. Number of EMS calls for December Was 63
2. Number of Calls for 2022 was 628
3. Currently Getting Canvas letters Back From The Civil Service Candidates
4. Replaced Rear Brakes On A-1
5. Medications And Supplies Are Still In Various Stages Of Back Order
6. I Will Be Hiring Rachelle Burkett As A Part Time Paramedic

**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-** none

**Policies-** none

**Grants-** We are resubmitting our turn out grant again this year. The same that was submitted last year.

**Legal-** none

**Visitors Questions from the floor-**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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 February 16, March 30, April 20, May 18, June 29, July 20, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21

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