

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, June 29, 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, 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 Clemons to approve the May 2023 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve the June 2023 invoices totaling \$14,372.78. we will be reimbursed by the Town for a router for \$149.99. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The reconciliation reports were signed by Commissioner Clemons.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts totaled \$4,026.82 for May.
3. The Hoffman Road repair was completed. I received an invoice from Suit-Kote for \$9,230.37. We are still waiting for the invoices from the Town and John McDougall. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the payment to these 3 upon payment from the Hoffman Road Association. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. I received an invoice from Walburger's Garage today. I will pay it and submit it in next months invoices.

Chief's report-

June 29, 2023
Tully Joint Fire District
Chief's Report by Frank Speziale
Email: exthcchief@aol.com

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. Bracket on Back Order.~~
- c) ~~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.~~ On hold.
- d) ~~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. We may have buyer... Dave Denniston... He came to look at them. Price \$500. Still waiting on Dave Dennistin.~~
- e) ~~Asking to buy a Lucas Device:~~ Still asking Dave Knapp / County Legislators.
- f) ~~Money coming from Bodah Family: Back in March (12th?) the FD responded to a female in cardiac arrest. She was revived and after therapy, she is doing really well as if nothing happened. Ive been told she does have some heart issues. The Bodah family is donating enough money to the ambulance district to buy a Lucas Device for the 2nd amb.~~
- g) **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.
- h) **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. **Working on it.**
- i) ECK came to the station to service portable equipment. No issues to my knowledge.
- j) **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. Price for RP-15, Eng-14, TP-12... \$704.00. Do Eng-14 and RP-15 only for now. Will order components now, wait for truck to go for service in Aug / Sept. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the purchase of these cameras. The motion was unanimously approved.
- k) **Southern Tier Training Facility:** Still need to add signage "Property of" and / or "No Trespassing". Told Jim Potter looking to start tilling soil. Denkenburger came

to find the metal pins... added wooden stakes with pink ribbon on them. Ed working on signs to read "Property of Tully Fire District and No Trespassing"

New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of May 2023: 10. Total year to date to May 2023: 80. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Apr 2022): 72.
- l) Tree needs to be cut down... South / East corner... Not dead as previously mentioned.
- m) Borlex Solar: Looking for an agreement to proceed with the Solar Project on Sky High Rd. They want a letter to give to the Planning Board. Commissioners waiting on Town Board / Planning Board.
- n) It's the time of the year for Field Days: Homer is hosting the Central New York Convention celebrating 150 years of Service... July 21, 22, & 23. Gary would like Tully represented in the Fabius Memorial Day Parade. We can send a truck next year.

June Monday Evening Training:

- Monday June 12: Pump Op Training.
- Monday June 19: Vehicle Charging Station Locations and review panel boxes.
- Monday June 21: **(Daytime Training):** Ground Ladders, Ventilation, Aerial Ladders.
- Monday June 26: Truck / SCBA Checks.

Purchases:

- I had to buy 4 chain cluster hooks. Total Cost \$112.00. One set is in Engine-14 and the other is in RP-15.
- We need shoring blocks. Asking Kennedy Hardwood and Paul Bunyan for donation.

Building Repairs:

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- Apparatus is scheduled for annual maintenance August / Sept.
- RP-15: Took to Doody Brothers, fuel filter needed to be changed; warning light on dash came on. Matt Doody said there is algae in the fuel; when it mixes through the filter it turns to bacteria clogging the filter. They suggested changing every 3 months plus use some additive in the tank. An ounce will treat 50 gallons. Filter will be changed when the truck goes for annual service in late August / early September.
- Hose testing will be done on July 26th.
- Ladders were tested, all good. Some "heat sensor" stickers were added on some ladders.

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
- Recruitment and Retention: Onondaga County is changing the residency requirement from 5 years to 2 years of active service. FASNY is still working on Legislation with New York State to wave School Taxes for home owners that are members that have active service and meet the LOSAP Points required to qualify. Also... for members that have put in 20 years of service, FASNY will be asking to wave School Taxes for life. The LOSAP Program would be a big help to be considered as well for member Recruitment and Retention.
- Gregg Potts: From Fairmount said he would go anywhere in the County to help any municipal agency and school district to assist them to understand the 10% reduction in assessments.

Additional comments from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Malone discussed leasing vehicles instead of purchasing. They have 10 year programs. It did not seem you would save a lot of money but we would always have new vehicles.

Commissioner Malone asked if it was possible to have Tully Hose Company representation at the Fabius Memorial Day parade. That parade has grown so much over the years and every neighboring dept is there. It conflicts with our own ceremony which is why they haven't been there in years.

There was discussion about a surge protection for the whole building.

Presidents Report- no report

Ambulance Report:

1. Number of EMS calls for June Was 56
2. Still Doing Interviews To Try To Fill The Open Full Time Position
3. I Am Requesting Permission To Start Researching Ambulance Prices To Eventually Replace A-1
4. All NYS DOH Recertifications Have Been Completed And We Have Received Our New Controlled Substance License. The Medicare GDACS Data Has Finally Been Submitted And Certified

Old Business- no

New Business-

1. The Hose Company is going to meet with the solar company about access to their panels with our trucks. They want to have the road reduced from 20 feet wide to 15 feet.

The company needs a letter to go to the planning board in order for them to proceed. Commissioner Wortley stated the current condition of the road would not allow our trucks access. Commissioner Malone was going to discuss this with members of the planning board as we have never had to have contact with any other solar panel company before. We will not do anything unless approached by the Town and Solar company.

2. Dave Knap asked about having a pool filled in Lafayette. Chief Speziale will speak to the Chief in Lafayette before we bring them water. We want to be good neighbors.

3. There are new key pads on the town building. The fire department will need access to the building in an emergency. They will probably add a Knox Box for our access.

Policies-

1. We need to review our cyber policy.

2 Commissioner Malone is working on an injury policy.

3. We will update our fit test in regards to our physical policy.

Grants- no update

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor- none

A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to adjourn the meeting to executive session for a personnel issue at 7:57 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to adjourn executive session at 8:10 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

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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 July 20, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21
