

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, March 30, 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
Edward Wortley, arrived at 7:10 PM
Daniel Cooter
Craig Clemons
Jeffrey Rothery, Deputy Chairman, absent

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

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 February 2023 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Clemons and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the March 2023 invoices totaling \$225,501.25. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The reconciliation reports were signed by Commissioner Malone.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts totaled \$2,531.52 for February.

Chief's report-

March 30, 2023
Tully Joint Fire District
Chief's Report by Frank Speziale
Email: exthcchief@gmail.com

Old Business:

- a) New Smoke Alarm and Co2 Detectors Grant... **New Grant Pending.**
- b) ~~TenKate is applying for a Turn-Out Gear Grant. Radios done Onondaga Co Grant. **47 Depts applied.**~~
- c) 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.~~
- d) ~~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.~~
- e) ~~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.**~~
- f) 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.)
- 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) Physicals Update: Most are done, have maybe 2 or 3 to do, Dave Battle has list. Also, Fit Testing is complete except for 2 or 3.
- j) ~~Cheryl working on an account with Mirabito or Byrne Dairy. (Nothing yet.)~~
- k) ~~ECK still needs to come to the station to service portable equipment. First of the year.~~
- l) 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.**

New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of Feb 2023: 13. Total year to date to Feb 2023: 23. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Feb 2022): 41.
- Old Fire Gear: Will be reducing some inventory in non useable gear. **It's ok to put in the dumpster. Also check with vol members if they are interested to have.**

March Monday Evening Training:

- Monday March 13: Chain Saw Ops and Safety.
- Wednesday March 16: (Daytime Training): SCBA Recertification
- Monday March 20: Portable Radio OPs w/ Fabius Chief Ron Wheatley
- Monday March 27: Truck / SCBA Checks.

Purchases:

10 Streamlite Handlites: 6 - Engine-14, 2 ea for Tp-11 and Tp-12. \$115.00 ea, \$1150.00.
2 Extinguisher Brackets: are needed for Carbon Dioxide Extinguishers. \$60 ea/\$120.00.
 A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve these purchases. The motion was unanimously approved.

Building Repairs: We have heat in radio room.

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- Since Commissioners meeting, RP-15 had an issue with the crankcase filter. As of today (Monday Apr 3rd), it's been repaired and is back in service.

General Comments:

- Southern Tier Training Facility committee consists of 2 Commissioners (Gary & Jeff), 1 Career Person (Matt McGarrity), and 2 Line Officers (Frank and Asst Chief Dave Battle). **Will sit down soon for a Committee meeting.**
- m) 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? **Per discussion with insurance rep we're all covered in regards to pre existing conditions.**
- n) Used Holmatro tool: \$350.00 that will cover the cost to service small unit on Eng-14. **Could not locate the power unit until after Commissioner's meeting. Waiting on quote from Holmatro Service Rep.**
- o) Clearpath Energy & Boralex Solor Project on Skyhigh Rd: **Looking to set up a meeting to view the property for officers and apparatus to be able to reach the scene if there was a problem.**
- p) County Fire Chief's Meeting: Discussed briefly about the 10% reduction in Assessment on what could happen in 5 to 10 years if there were no volunteers for staffing. Per Ed Wortley, School Board all ready looking into it.
- q) Fire District Insurance: Even though Insurance premiums have been addressed for this year, mentioned to the Board to consider reviewing policy. Gary said working on it.
- Southern Tier Training Facility: Should Fire District add signage "Property of" and / or "No Trespassing". Discussion followed.

Presidents Report-

1. The Tully Hose Company will not be holding the fishing derby this year. There still will be 2 raffles held.
2. The Hose Company purchased a pool table to put up on the mezzanine with the workout equipment. It will be delivered and installed April 12th.
3. Dave spoke about the benefit of having and using the Lucas Device on a recent call. He said it helped to save a life and they were grateful to have it available.

Ambulance Report:

1. Number of EMS calls for February Was 34
2. Civil Service List Has Been Exhausted. New List Due Out In April.
3. No Repairs This Month

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. He did send a letter that he will not be practicing himself, after June 30th.
2. Last month, 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 when Commissioner Rothery is back. Chad also said he would use it for the Ambulance tracking.
3. The dryer wire burned in the plug because there was a loose wire in the box. We were lucky to not have a fire.
4. The heat was repaired in the radio room.
5. The fence will need repairing again after the winter plowing is complete.
6. Commissioner Wortley spoke with someone who will come to clean out the floor drains. We discussed the municipalities working together to share any services that could save taxpayers dollars. Tim Baker discussed using NY Response to get this done.

New Business-

1. Commissioner Malone handed out a motivational letter that he found on the FASNY website. It's a good reminder of the important job of a firefighter.
2. Commissioner Cooter discussed our phones with copper lines being inactive. Tully does not have fiber optic available yet so therefore we will not be required to switch yet.

Policies-

Grants- TenKate submitted a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for the District.

Commissioner Malone will Speak with Dave Knapp for any additional money available to us.

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor-

1. Chief Speziale spoke about the reduction in taxes available to current firefighters as incentive to become members. He would like to have a representative come a give a presentation about it. There could be up to a 10% discount.

He would also like to have the district consider a LOSAP program. We are one of the few districts that it is not available to members.

2. Chief Speziale spoke about the importance of shopping for insurance for the district to save money. Commissioners Malone and Cooter are always working on what is best for us.

3. Tim Baker spoke about using up what inventory we have to install more dry hydrants around the district. He needs to get permission from homeowners to install them on their property. He may need to buy some additional parts and wanted to let the Commissioner have a heads up. A permit needs to be submitted to the DEC but I can be for multiple hydrants so he will see how many homeowners will agree to the installation. He will keep us informed on his progress on this.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 April 20, May 18, June 29, July 20, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21
