

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, May 18, 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,

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 April 2023 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve the May 2023 invoices totaling \$7,278.28. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The reconciliation reports were signed by Commissioner Cooter.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts totaled \$3,756.53 for April.
3. I deposited \$5.01 in the checking for a refund from Reagan for the siren insurance.
4. Frank gave me a check tonight for the sale of the holmatro tool for \$1,100.00 from Colden Enterprise. I will deposit the check into our checking account.

Chief's report-

**May 18, 2023
Tully Joint Fire District**

Chief's Report by Frank Speziale

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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.~~ We received notice that we will be getting 8 with the necessary hardware. The chargers that came with the radios are desk top. **We need vehicle chargers... Ben is working on getting us a price.**
- 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.~~ I need to go to Best Buy for a wall bracket. I will pick up soon.
- 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. Waiting on buyer to confirm.**
- e) **Asking to buy a Lucas Device:** Per Gary, continue to seek funding.
- 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. I've 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) **Used Holmatro tool:** The Holmatro tools were picked up except for the hydraulic hoses. Gave Cheryl the check. The hoses were trashed.
- h) **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 soon to work on spec's.
- i) **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.**
- j) ECK came to get information on what they needed for service portable equipment Monday May 15th. I'm not sure if they came back. I need to follow up on status.
- k) 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. **Tabled.**

- l) Southern Tier Training Facility committee consists of (Gary & Jeff), (Matt McGarrity), and 2 Line Officers (Frank and Asst Chief Dave Battle). **Will sit down for a Committee meeting at 6:30 prior to June Commissioner mtg per Gary.**

New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of Apr 2023: 21. Total year to date to Apr 2023: 59. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Apr 2022): 60.
- m) Tree: South / East corner of parking lot needs to be cut down... its dead.
- n) 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. **Gary and Ed have questions.**
- o) It's the time of the year for Field Days: Minoa June 1, 2, & 3; FASNY Summer Games will be in Baldwinsville June 16, 17, & 18; Pompey Field Days will be June 8, 9, & 10th. Homer Field Days are the same time as Pompey. Will take trucks.

Homer is also hosting the Central New York Convention celebrating 150 years of Service... July 21, 22, & 23.

May Monday Evening Training:

- Monday May 8: Flush Dry Hydrants / Pump Op Training.
- Monday May 15: Pool Fill on Sky High Rd / Driver Training
- Monday May 17: (Daytime Training): Ropes & Rescue / Forcible Entry.
- Monday May 22: Training TBD.
- Monday May 29: No Drill. Will be Participating in Memorial Day Parade.

Purchases:

- Lawn Mower: Matt went to Home Depot and purchased an electric operated self propelled Ryobi mower. He said it was around \$500...It was charged on the Fire District Credit Card. I told Matt we need a receipt for our records. **No receipt yet.**
- I had to buy 2 sets of Elevator keys. There are 12 keys in the set and cost \$220.00 each (\$440.00 total). One set is in Engine-14 and the other is in RP-15.
- We need shoring blocks. Will be going to Kennedy Hardwood or Paul Bunyan asking for donation of lumber.

Building Repairs:

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- Apparatus will be scheduled for annual maintenance in a few months. Matt is waiting on Hose testers on when they plan on coming in.
- Ladders will be next. Matt also waiting on a phone call. They like to do multiple depts.
- Tanker-21: Has a leaky rear tank fill valve. It's not terrible so it can wait for the annual service.

General Comments:

- **Recruitment and Retention:** FASNY is working on Legislation with New York State to wave School Taxes for home owners that are members that have a minimum of 5 years of 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.
- **Scholarships:** OCVFA and FASNY have Scholarships available for Senior Students. Students must submit a letter... Information is on OCVFA & FASNY websites for forms needed to apply.
- **Rescue Jacks:** We had four (4) donated to us by the Nedrow Fire Dept. They will be inventoried and put on RP-15.
- **Used gear:** The used gear that was upstairs got sent to the Ukraine government.

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 Girls of Summer Lacrosse tournament will be held June 2nd. The Hose Company will park cars.

Ambulance Report:

1. Number of EMS calls for May was 44
2. New Stretcher is ahead of schedule. Expecting Delivery Any Day Now.
3. NYS DOH Operating Certificate Has Been Renewed. Expires 6-30-2025. Controlled Substance License Renewal Has Been Submitted. Awaiting The New License.
4. Onondaga Civil Service List Is Out. Canvas Letters Will be Going Out This Week To Hopefully Fill The Vacant Firefighter Paramedic Position.
5. Medic Car Had Warranty Exhaust Work Done.

6. We Are Currently Replacing The Rubrails On Both Ambulances As They Became Very Corroded, And Replaced The Aluminum Caps On The Tailboard Of A-1.

Old Business-

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Malone to surplus our old lawnmower. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. Commissioner Clemons and Matt Doody have keys to the tool room.
3. We discussed putting lockboxes on the thermostats in the building. A code will be needed to change the temperature in the building. We will get this done soon.

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 be updated on this again next month
2. Commissioner Malone stated that the Hoffman Road Association needs work done on their road again. The Fire District is the legal way for them to use services from the agreement with the Town and have the repairs made. This work will be done soon and we will get the funds from them and pay Suit-Kote for the work done.
3. Our Toshiba printer will no longer have parts available for repairs if needed. We discussed using it until it no longer works and using the smaller one in the office that we purchased last year instead. We will not purchase a new bigger one as this one.

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- We received 8 radios through the county that Commissioner Malone will pick up Friday. We do still have a grant in that we applied for 23 radios. We are grateful for what we received.

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor-

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to adjourn the meeting to executive session for a personnel issue at 8:00 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to adjourn executive session at 8:22 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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 June 29, July 20, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21
