

TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, November 17, 2022 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

Daniel Cooter

Edward Wortley

Craig Clemons

Also present: Cheryl Wayne, Frank Speziale, David Prince, David Battle, 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 October 2022 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clemons and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the 2 resolutions for the 2023 budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vouchers were approved-

A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve the November 2022 invoices totaling \$8,208.89. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. The reconciliation statements were signed by Commissioner Cooter.
2. The interest on the savings reserve accounts for October is \$1,316.11.
3. Alcohol, driving vehicles- Commissioner Malone briefed everyone about this from our insurance company
4. Discussion about new accountants-3
5. Key fobs- discussion
6. Submitted budget to the comptroller website, Sue Vaccaro and Tom Chartrand- review budget with Commissioners

7. The district has a federal ID number but has never had a State issued tax exempt number. I filed for us to be issued one. It will take anywhere from 2-6 weeks for it to come.
8. We received \$1,680.60 in 2 dividend payments from Utica Mutual. I deposited them into our checking account.
9. Dan- Eastern Security account set up
10. Reserve accounts- \$77,269 for 2022 It Leaves about \$90,000
11. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve paying and invoice to Ben Bibik for \$80.00 and to Jerome Fire Equipment for \$984.13 and putting them on the December Abstract.

Chief's report-

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Tully Joint Fire District
Chief's Report by Frank Speziale
Email: exthcchief@aol.com**

Old Business:

- a) ~~Smoke Alarm and Co2 Detectors Grant... **Still Pending.**(Dan Cooter ?)~~
- b) ~~TenKate applied for a Turn-Out Gear Grant.. **Still Pending.**~~
- c) Banner barn postponed the burn. Weather wasn't in our favor.
- d) ~~I sent an email regarding the Regional FEMA Grant with Homer, Cortland, & Cortlandville on Portable Radios... Any word from TenKate? **Too late to tag on.**~~
- e) TV for meeting room: **\$999.99 at Best Buy** is 85" Samsung, not to exceed \$2,000.
- 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. Gary to check with Fire District Insurance. **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 next month.**
- g) Family looking to have a birthday party at the station, asking if they can have adult beverages consumed. Gary to check with Fire District Insurance. **Per Insurance... The best solution is for the party renting the facility to purchase a One Day Event policy, these usually run \$100-\$200 and can add Tully Joint on as an additional insured. If the party is catered, the caterer should provide the COI indicating General Liability and Liquor Liability with the recommended limits. Per Commissioners... no alcohol**

allowed in the Fire Station.

- h) ~~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.~~
- i) ~~Key fob system for doors?~~
- ∫ Cheryl working on an account with Mirabito or Byrne Dairy-*(Working on it)*
- k) Cheryl to look at setting up an account with COSTCO...-*(Working on it)*

New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of Oct 2022: 13. Total year to date to Oct 2022: 146. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Sept 2021): 135.

November Monday Evening Training:

- Monday November 14: Water Supply Ops.
- Wednesday November 16: (Daytime Training): Extinguishers / Fire Alarm Systems.
- Monday November 21: Injured Hunter Rescue Ops.
- Monday November 28: Truck Check / OSHA Make-Up.

Purchases:

- Looking to upgrade the software in the system in the radio room. Cost: \$500.00. Members Names and ID Numbers 2. Apparatus Names, inventories of each truck, what's in compartments, etc. 3. Towns and Zip Codes within your fire coverage area 4. Mutual Aid departments 5. BDD will import your street names so you do not have to. ***Ok by the Board.***
- Would like to buy 2 Lighted Stop / Slow Signs: \$558.00 (\$279.00 ea). ***Ok by the Board.***
- Would like to buy 4 Traffic Wands: \$216.00 (\$54.00 ea).-***Ok by the Board.***

Building Repairs:

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- ECK still needs to come to the station to service portable equipment.
- All trucks need windshield wipers replaced.

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). Potter got corn off the area.~~

- ~~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.~~
- ~~**DEC Grant:** Looking to get funding for a Portable Pump, Adapters, Fire Rakes, Hose.~~
- **Budget:** Re-Chassis Tp-11. Need to find the Chassis info book that has measurements, wheel base, cab to axle, etc. 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. **Still trying to locate the Chassis Manual. Art maybe might have it?**
- **Per comments from Gary:** 1). would like to vending machine moved from current location. 2). Thermostat in meeting room was too high. DO NOT TOUCH! Asked to mention to members.
- **Per comments from Asst Chief Battle:** we have 4 or 5 Dry Hydrant assemblies. Would like to use in a couple locations... Green Lake and Tully Lake. D.E.C. needs to issue a permit; which one permit will take care all of them.
- **Asking to buy a Lucas Device** to perform continuous CPR. Cost approx \$25,000.00. The price includes a 5 year maintenance / service agreement to Service or replace damaged parts. Tabled for next month's review for further discussion.

Presidents Report-

1. Santa visits will probably be held as a drive through event again. The tree lighting will be December 2nd.
2. The Hose Company elections will be held December 1st.
3. The flag on the outside pole had a broken clip. We replaced the rope and the clip and it is back up.
4. The Hose Company is going to switch around their in offices in the building.
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve Elizabeth McNair as a new member. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ambulance Report:

1. Number of EMS calls for October Was 68
2. Hired 1 Part Time EMT Basic. His Name Is Daniel Levitskiy

3. Dan Holbert Has Resigned From His Full Time Position And Has Transitioned To A Part Time Paramedic. I Have Canvassed The Civil Service List. Will Be Setting Up Interviews Next Week.
4. Town Owned AED Batteries Have Been Ordered And Replaced.

Old Business-

1. The siren is still on the pole out behind the old post office building. It is still on our insurance. Dan Graves looked at it Monday at practice. He will get the bucket truck and drop it and remove it. This is not yet complete.
2. Commissioner Malone discussed getting the Banner property surveyed. It should be completed in the next couple of weeks and will cost \$800.00
3. The new alarm system is going to require all new FOBs for everyone. It will help us to keep better track of who has access to the building in the future too. Commissioner Cooter, Chad, Ben and Cheryl will have access to the system in the computer. We will keep everyone informed of the switch over date. It will be a few weeks away still.
4. Commissioner Malone read an email from the insurance company regarding firefighters getting into an accident with a personal vehicle. The District policy will cover the costs.
5. The vending machine in the truck bay was moved when the floors were refinished. It needs to be put in a different location than it is now. Chief Speziale will take care of it.
6. The physicals for most of the members are not up to date or on file. This needs to be taken care of immediately. 2% funds are based on this as criteria as a member and voting in officers is also part of this. Members must be in good standing.
7. The heat in the building has been set higher than necessary. Please keep the temperature at 68 degrees.
8. The computers needed the security system backed up in order to do the key fob upgrade. We need to be sure this is completed.
9. The fax machine part of the printer is not working. It was before the new printer so we do not believe it is the phone line. We need to get that working.
10. We discussed getting a computer for the conference room. Ben thought he may have one he could donate. We will discuss this more next month. The Chiefs computer needs to be upgraded also.

New Business-

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve spending \$500 to upgrade the Data Daemon software system and \$774 for wands and signs requested by Chief Speziale. The motion was unanimously approved.

Policies- none

Grants- Commissioner Malone has still not heard anything regarding the fire gear grant. He is going to speak to TenKate about another fire gear grant and a radio grant.

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor-

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Wayne

The remaining meeting date is December 15, 2022.

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