

# TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, November 16, 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, absent

Also present: Cheryl Wayne, Frank Speziale, David Battle, Dan Graves, Joe Nemier, Mike Bradley

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 Rothery to approve the October 2023 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Vouchers were approved-**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve the November 2023 invoices totaling \$6,974.08. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report-**

1. Bank reconciliations were signed by Commissioner Malone.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts is \$4,159.29.
3. Today I transferred \$10,000 from the Capital Reserve Account at NY Class to the checking account to cover this month's invoices. I currently have an additional \$2,754.02 to pay that came in today's mail.
4. Gary and I talked about the interest on the capital reserve account. It totaled \$35,869.87 through October. We should move that to a reserve account and leave the interest from the individual accounts as their own. We currently have \$113,914.23 still remaining in that reserve that will need to be moved to the checking account.
5. I deposited the pool fill check from the Hose Company into our general fund on October 21<sup>st</sup>. It totaled \$2,350.65.

## Chief's report-

**November 16, 2023**  
**Tully Joint Fire District**  
**Chief's Report by Frank Speziale**  
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### Old Business:

- a) TV for meeting room: The Bracket is in the meeting room. Dan will attempt to install. I will check Staples or something on-line for a Podium.
- b) Asking to buy a Lucas Device: Asking Dave Knapp / County Legislators. *Still nothing.*
- c) 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 Tuesday Nov 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Southern Tier Training Facility committee consists of (Gary & Jeff), (Matt McGarrity), and Line Officers (Frank and Asst Chief Dave Battle). A brief meeting was held with Gary, Jeff, Myself, D. Battle, and M. McGarrity. Discussed layout plan and training structures.

### New Business:

Alarms: For the month of Oct 2023: 10. Total year to date to Oct 2023: 163. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Oct 2022): 146.

### November Monday Evening Training:

- Monday Nov 13: Chimney Fires Review.
- Wednesday Nov 16: (Daytime Training): Extinguishers/ Fire Alarms/ Suppression.
- Monday Nov 20: Injured Hunter Rescue.
- Monday Nov 27: Truck/ SCBA Checks.

### Purchases:

- Portable Radios were ordered as discussed at Sept mtg. Board ok to buy 7. Per Ben's/ Gary's email Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, an additional 8 radios are on order with expected delivery date of late Feb/ early March 2024. Approximate cost, just under \$28,000.00.
- 2 Dewalt Portable Lights purchased for Engine-14. Cost: (\$309.99 ea)/ \$619.98 total. *Board approved.*  
A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Rothery to approve this purchase. The motion was unanimously approved.

### Building Repairs:

- Station 2: Air Compressor: Has it been fixed to add a different automatic drain on the air line? Thought Matt was going to do it but he said he doesn't know anything about it. And should there be an outside light at the entry door? *Ed will get a separator.*

### **Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:**

- TP-12: The truck Air Compressor was supposedly fixed but there is still an issue with the compressor running all the time. Priority Fire took it Monday to be fixed.
- Engine-14: Generator is not back yet... but it is being repaired. Was sent back to Harrison Hydraulics for repair. The truck is useable w/ out the generator.
- TP-11: The rear tank fill valve has been repaired.
- Squad 63: The truck had a violent shake returning from a class recently. Problem repaired. Going in for front brakes Monday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **General Comments:**

- The bush/ shrub next to the Handicap Parking in front of the station still needs to be trimmed or totally removed.
- Code of Conduct: Does the District have a policy in place?
- Turkey Trot: Thanksgiving morning: Helping at various locations for traffic awareness safety.
- Tree Lighting: Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Santa and Mrs Clause will be in attendance. Santa will be drawing the winners for the Cash Bash Raffle. Refreshments will be provided.
- Ralph Lamson: Will no longer be the Codes Officer for the Village and Town effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. As soon as the Village and Town Boards appoint a new Codes Officer, I will let you and the Dept Officers know.

### **Presidents Report-**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve Katelyn Bibik as a new Junior member. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Ambulance Report:**

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- 1.Number of EMS calls for October Was 57
- 2.Medic Car Is In The Shop Being Repaired
- 3.A-1 Had Repairs To Its Injectors, A-2 Will Be Going To Get Brakes Fixed
- 4.Vehicles Have Been Prepped For Winter.

### **Old Business-**

2. Chief Speziale purchased the TV mount. We need to get the new TV hung on the wall.
3. There was discussion about working with Dave Knapp and Ryan McMahon to get funds for the training facility. There could be funding available through the Public Safety Budget. The site could be used as a K-9 office or a satellite office in addition to our training for local department also. Our wish is for \$750,000. Commissioner Malone is also going to inquire about funds for the electronic sign.
4. Commissioners Malone and Cooter met with the Town officials and Spectrum about joining services to save money for both of us. We will have more information in the next couple of months.

5. We are going to get quotes for our insurance this year. We like to stay with a company for at least 3 years for continuity. We want to be sure we are getting the best rates for the taxpayers. Our policy renews March 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. We will get ahold of Cody Carroll now about trimming the trees. Dan Graves will also give a quote to trim these.
7. Commissioner Wortley has a quote from Overhead Door to repair the doors. He has calls in to 2 other businesses. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve spending up to \$4,050.00 and use the lowest bid. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **New Business-**

1. There was discussion about raising the manhole covers.
2. Our driveway is going to need retopping or milled and resurfaced soon. Commissioner Malone will talk to Suit Kote about this.
3. We will have ESIP and Utica Mutual present to the Commissioners their insurance proposals at next months meeting.

#### **Policies-**

1. We need to review our internet usage policy.
2. We will update our fit test in regards to our physical policy. There was discussion about the wording in the policy. Commissioner Malone will review this again and make any necessary changes and bring it back for approval next month.
3. Commissioner Malone handed out a social media policy for review.

#### **Grants-**

1. TenKate wanted to see if our district was interested in putting in for a grant again soon. We discussed the need for 23 sets of turnout gear and SCBA bottles with a mask and an extra bottle.
2. Commissioner Malone was filling out paperwork necessary for the grant that we were awarded.

**Legal-** none

#### **Visitors Questions from the floor-** none

A motion was made by Commissioner Wortley and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 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

Have a Great Holiday!

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