

# TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held by the Tully Joint Fire District, October 19, 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 Battle, Dan Graves

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. with the Pledge of Allegiance

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## **TULLY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT RESOLUTION: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2024 WITHIN REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Tully Joint Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2024 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Tully Joint Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 19, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 19, 2023 at said budget hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Tully Joint Fire District for 2024 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$ 699,602.00.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Malone)                      AYES

Commissioner Rothery) AYES  
Commissioner Wortley) AYES  
Commissioner Cooter ) AYES  
Commissioner Clemons) AYES

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Tully, New York  
October 19, 2023

**Minutes were reviewed** – A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the September 2023 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Vouchers were approved-**

A motion was made by Commissioner Clemons and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve the October 2023 invoices totaling \$9,289.53. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report-**

1. Bank reconciliations were signed by Commissioner Rothery.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts is \$4,106.14. We should move it all from the year, to a reserve account (new equipment). We can see what financial shape we are in by the end of year
3. I deposited a check from the Hose Company for pool fillings for \$2,350.65.
4. We will hold the Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM at the beginning of our October meeting. They are typically short so our regular meeting will immediately follow.

**Chief's report-**

**October 19, 2023**  
**Tully Joint Fire District**  
**Chief's Report by Frank Speziale**  
**Email: [exthcchief@gmail.com](mailto:exthcchief@gmail.com)**

**Old Business:**

- a) TV for meeting room: Unable to reach out to John Bishop to build a podium... Per Craig, John is really busy. The Bracket is in the meeting room. Dan will attempt to install in the weekend. 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 to work on spec's.

- 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. *Gary to get committee to meet soon.*

### **New Business:**

Alarms: For the month of Sept 2023: 14. Total year to date to Sept 2023: 144. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Sept 2022): 133.

### **October Monday Evening Training:**

- Monday Oct 9: Kelly Wilcox w/ Therapy Dog Juno re: PTSD issues w/ members.
- Tuesday Oct 17: Tour/ Pre-Plan McNerney Chevrolet.
- Wednesday Oct 18: (Daytime Training): Fire Prevention.
- Monday Oct 23: Truck/ SCBA Check.
- Tuesday Oct 31: Halloween: Refreshments will be handed out at the station.

### **Purchases:**

- 5 Motorola Pagers @ \$400.00 ea, (\$2,000.00 total). Board approved to buy. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve this purchase. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Portable Radios was discussed at Sept meeting. Board ok to buy 7. Asst Chief Battle to get price. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to approve this purchase. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Building Repairs:**

- Station 1: Drain grating under Ambulance Bay and base of Door Tracks showing rust.
- Station 2: The Air Compressor at Station 2 needs to have an automatic drain put on the air line.

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

- TP-12: The truck Air Compressor runs all the time. It's been written up a couple times. Priority Fire needs to be notified.

- Engine-14: Generator is not back yet... Was sent back to Harrison Hydraulics for repair. We received a quote to repair. The truck is useable w/ out the generator.

**General Comments:**

- Christmas tree still needs to be trimmed. Bruce Graham will trim the tree.
- The bush/ shrub next to the Handicap Parking in front of the station still needs to be trimmed or totally removed. The passenger in the vehicle however they park in that spot will not be able to get out of the vehicle. There are people that use the handicap spots when we have County Fire meetings or special events are held here.
- I applied for s DEC Grant... Portable Pump and some hose. The amount to be spent is \$5,000.00. The District will need to cover half of the cost.
- Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning: will be having trucks at various locations for traffic awareness safety.
- The Lighted Electronic Board that was asked for last month... A rough price for just the basic unit without any added options costs approx \$31,000.00.

**Presidents Report-**

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

**Ambulance Report:**

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1. Number of EMS calls for September Was 42
  2. Just Sent Out New Canvas Letters Last Week, Hopefully I Will Start Getting Them Back Soon.
  3. Our Centers For Medicare Revalidation Has Been Approved.
  4. I Am Presenting 3 Quotes To The Board Tonight For The Repairs To The Medic Car

**Old Business-**

1.The refrigerator was delivered yesterday. It is in and working. There is a 5 year warranty.

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 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. A bid for plowing was received from Pizzuto Lawn & Snow for plowing the Fire Station driveway for \$85.00 per plow. A motion was made by Commissioner Rothery and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve him to plow. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to surplus 4 bottles. The motion was unanimously approved.

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#### **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.

#### **Grants-**

1. The District was just awarded a \$26,000 grant. Our contribution should be about \$1,600. or so. Cheryl is the contact for a FOIL request as they needed that information. We will have more details next month on the purchases for this grant.

**Legal-** none

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to adjourn the regular 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 November 16, and December 21

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