

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

Public Budget Hearing

Minutes were reviewed – A motion was made by Commissioner Clemons and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve the August 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 August 2023 invoices totaling \$72,980.92. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. Bank reconciliations signed by Commissioner Malone.
2. Interest on the reserve accounts is \$4,354.40. Spoke w/ Tom Chartrand, he suggests that since it's really bonus money, 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 need to put in a legal notice for snowplowing. We will open bids at our October meeting.
4. I transferred \$70,000 from the capital reserve account when I made our second bond interest payment on September 15th. I am trying to leave the money in NY Class as long as possible because of the great interest rate.
5. I deposited a check from the Town for \$149.99 for a router.
6. 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.
7. We will finalize our 2024 budget at the end of the meeting.

Chief's report-

September 21, 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...~~ A Grant recvd. Gary to discuss further.
- b) ~~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 have the Bracket. John Bishop notified to make a Podium.
- c) ~~Asking to buy a Lucas Device:~~ Asking Dave Knapp / County Legislators. *Still nothing.*
- d) ~~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.

New Business:

- Alarms: For the month of Aug 2023: **17**. Total year to date to Aug 2023: **131**. Total amount of calls to date same time last year (Aug 2022): **113**.

September Monday Evening Training:

- Monday Sep 18: Pushball/ Line Advancement w/ Neighboring Depts.
- Monday Sep 20: **(Daytime Training)**: Salvage, Overhaul, Arson.
- Monday Sep 28: Pushball/ Line Advancement w/ Neighboring Depts.

Purchases:

- Would like to purchase seven (7) sets of Gear at \$5,875.00 each for Coat and Pants, total \$41,125.00. 10 month delivery time. Oct 1st will be a 10% increase = \$6,462.00 ea (\$45,237.50) difference of \$4,109.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve spending \$41,125.00 for the purchase. The motion was unanimously approved.

Building Repairs:

Station 1: Hose Reels leak at the elbow near the frame on 2 reels. Suggest doing all 4.

Station 2: Matt picked up a small compressor for Station 2 at Grainger's. We have an account there. Was around \$200.00 which the Board approved up to \$300.00 at last month's mtg.

Apparatus / Portable Equipment Repairs:

- Annual maintenance for Apparatus is mostly done except for TP-11, need a valve repair kit for the rear inlet.
- Engine-14: Problem with Generator; won't engage, won't generate power. Priority Fire needs to send it back to Harrison Hydraulics for repair. Estimated cost will be \$4,300.00. Once the generator is removed, Eng-14 will be brought back and put in service.

General Comments:

- 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.*
- Christmas tree still needs to be trimmed. *Bruce Graham to be notified.*
- Town/ Village Dump Day will be Saturday October 14th from 9am to 3pm at the Sewage Treatment Facility. A Shredding Service will again be from 9a to 12 noon at the Municipal Building.
- The bush or shrub next to the Handicap Parking in front of the station needs to be trimmed or totally removed. The passenger however they park in that spot will not be able to get out of the vehicle. They are people that use the handicap spots when we have County Fire meetings or special events are held here.

Presidents Report-

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve Gabrielle Dix as a new Junior member. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ambulance Report:

1. Number of EMS calls for August Was 53
2. Still Doing Interviews To Try To Fill The Open Full Time Position, Looking Into Some Additional Options. Civil Service Has Extended The List Until October 16, 2023

3. New Stretcher Has Arrived And Has Been Placed In service.
4. The Staff Are On A Trial Schedule Of 24 on, 24 Off, 24 on, Then 5 Off. I Will Re-evaluate The Schedule At The End Of October To See If It Is Working As Planned.

Old Business-

1. The refrigerator needs to be replaced. Commissioner Clemons got quotes from Lowes and Home Depot. He will see what the best warranty is and make a decision who to buy from. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to approve the purchase up to \$2,500.00. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Wortley to surplus the old refrigerator for disposal. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Chief Speziale purchased the TV mount. We need to get the new TV hung on the wall.
4. There was discussion about working with the Town to snowplow our parking lot as a joint service. It was done in the past at the old station but the Town owned the lot at the time. Commissioners Malone and Wortley would like to pursue this option more.
5. 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.
6. 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 1st.
7. There was discussion about the width of the road from the Boralex Solar Project. The Commissioners all agree that the width should stay at 20 feet as originally stated. This allows for vehicles to be able to get past each other for access in case of an emergency. Commissioner Malone will send them a letter with our decision.
8. There was discussion if there was any advantage to Tully residents with all the solar panels. There wasn't really a definitive answer.
9. The floor machine needed new batteries. We purchased new ones and they were installed.

New Business-

1. We received a letter about our Emergency Communication Software that will no longer be supported. We were not clear what it means. Commissioner Cooter was going to follow up with this.
2. Commissioner Malone reregistered the SAM registration needed for grants for the District.
3. Commissioner Malone will contact Cody Carroll for tree trimming along the fence at the station.

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. We will have more details next month.

Legal- none

Visitors Questions from the floor-

The Hose Company will be organizing for Halloween as they do every year.

The Hose Company would like to have the sign be a digital sign. There are grants for these. We will speak to Dave Knapp about funding for this.

We finalized the 2024 budget for a total of \$699,602.00. This amount will NOT require the district to exceed the tax cap. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Cooter to approve this budget. The motion was unanimously approved. Cheryl will send the budget to Tom Chartrand so he can prepare the towns total budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooter and seconded by Commissioner Clemons to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 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 October 19, November 16, and December 21
