

**Claryville Fire District  
Minutes May 4, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:30 PM, Thursday May 4, 2017 in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall.

Present: Present: Chairman/Commissioner Andrew Ford, Commissioners Anthony Carminati, Terry McNamara and Peter Donnolo. Absent – Dan Forger

Representing the Fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg, Tom Matthew, Gary Frear and Desiree Jimenez.

Public: Mike Scofield.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as amended UPON MOTION by Terry McNamara, Seconded by Peter Donnolo. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

The treasurer's report for April was read and approved UPON MOTION by Peter Donnolo, Seconded by Tony Carminati. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Jim Tisch presented the monthly financial report through May 4, 2017

Communications: Circulated.

Fire Chief's Report:  
See attached.

During the Chief's report it was reported that the new pagers did not work adequately throughout the district. Attached the chief's report is a copy of the email sent to county. The commissioners and chiefs discussed possibilities to rectify the situation if the response from the county does not eliminate the situation.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee – Andy Ford reported that he attended the Public Safety Meeting. He reported that one of the topics was around the social media policy in regards to fire fighters taking pictures at the scene and posting them.

Budget Committee - Peter Donnolo thanked the chiefs for upgrading the radio system

Old Business:

New Business:

Tom Mathews presented the opportunity for the department to apply for a matching grant from the DEC for equipment related to wild land fires. The department wants to apply for a compact portable pump at a

cost of \$1,435. UPON MOTION by Terry McNamara, Seconded by Tony Carminati is to approve the department to submit the grant for proposal. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

UPON MOTION by Tony Carminati, Seconded by Peter Donnolo is to approve a resolution in support of Ulster County's Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition Application. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote. Resolution attached.

Bills:

The following bills were audited and approved for payment, UPON MOTION by Peter Donnolo, Seconded by Tony Carminati. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

APPROVED BILLS

3623	Spectrum	Internet & phone	103.42
3624	Verizon - 7075	Telephone	73.98
3625	Central Hudson	Electric	509.44
3626	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	June Rent rent	1,000.00
3627	Jim Tisch	May for Sec/Treas	450.00
3628	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	Reimburse for storage cabinet	304.32
3629	The Townsman	Ad - public hearing	36.00
3630	Landscape Trailer	Replace numbers on 65-61 Truck	350.00
3631	Bottini	401.1 gal #2 fuel oil	908.09
3632	void		
3633	Haight Fire Equipment	Air Compressor Service	755.00

UPON MOTION by Tony Carminati, Seconded by Terry McNamara is to authorize budget adjustments totaling \$426.29. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Comments from the Public: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM, UPON MOTION by Terry McNamara, Seconded by Tony Carminati. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Tisch, Sec/Treas.  
June 1, 2017

## CHIEF'S REPORT FOR MAY 2017 DISTRICT MEETING

### FIRE CALLS SINCE LAST MEETING

SUNDAY 4/16 16:52 PM MUTUAL AID TO GRAHAMSVILLE, WILDLAND FIRE EQUIPMENT AND COMMAND TRAILER, WILDLAND FIRE, DENMAN MTN ROAD, 6563, 6562, 6512, 6501, 6504 8 MEMBERS

MONDAY 4/24 19:06 PM SMOKE INVESTIGATION 1836 DENNING ROAD HOUSE FULL OF SMOKE. 6561, 6531, 6501, 6502, 6503, 6504, 6505. THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA. 13 MEMBERS

Gary, Glenn & Tom attended a special chiefs meeting at the fire training center ,White lake 4/19. First meeting with our new BC1 John Haschild who took over for the retiring Dick Martincovich. All county special opps team leaders gave presentations & contact info. A progress report was given on the radio upgrade to high band along with a final time line for completion. We still have some installation work that has to be done. After the full cut over is complete some reprograming will be needed as well. After some tower adjustments & many tests at various location within the district CVFD was converted to high band paging at 1201<sup>pm</sup> 4/26. The week of 6-12 May, our battalion 3 will convert to high band mobile & portable radios. Attached is a copy of my most resent email to Alex Rau head of Sullivan 911 voicing my concerns about some remaining problems.

The last 2 drills were used to distribute & instruct the use of new pagers & radios. Collection of old lowband equipment is on going. We have picked up some new members, paper work to follow. 8 members attended Healthy Kids day at the YMCA 4/30 . Chief Tom Matthews

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Hi Alex, As of your last visit pagers are working much better here in the Claryville valley & on red hill. I went up to frost valley this past tuesday am [ nice sunny day]& tested at the substation. I called Firecom on my portable loud&clear & pager test was perfect. At the main camp using my mobile results were as follows: main office to firecom t/r good pager poor but could just make it out.Up on the hill at main camp very spotty mobile to firecom, hardly readable some locations .Pager only good at one location out of 4 tested. At those 3 locations, no alert or voice received. Yesterday we were up there for a YMCA function [rainy heavy overcast] We ran the tests same way, same locations. Results were very poor. Pager: ,no alert anywhere,only those monitoring could hear static voice. Mobile to firecom was also very poor. No contact at some locations. Nothing works inside any of the main buildings. The substation siren is still on low band till Brian gets there late this week.So that's the only way our members there will maybe hear a call if they are outside. As you know that camp is heavily populated as much as 1500,Kids, parents,& staff.I know your working on these problems through out the county. We need some form of a repeater. At least Low band mobile worked at the camp. This Highband doesn't.Thanks Tom Matthews Chief CVFD.

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**May 4, 2017**

**Resolution In Support Of Ulster County's Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) Application**

**WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York, through the New York State Department of State, has issued a request for applications for a Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) grant; and**

**WHEREAS, this competitive grant offers the winning applicants a total grant not to exceed \$19,700,000 to facilitate the implementation of the consolidation and efficiency plan; and**

**WHEREAS, the qualifications to be lead applicant require a municipality to either be a city, town or village with a population of over 50,000, or a County; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has qualified among six municipalities eligible to compete for Phase II of the MCEC and submit an application; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has administrative and technical experience in consolidating government functions, experience in developing and/or implementing shared services, and other collaborative government efficiency projects and is qualified to be a lead applicant in this competition; and**

**WHEREAS, the CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, has expressed interest in participating among the consortium of Ulster County local government entities in the competitive grant application; and**

**WHEREAS, this grant program can assist CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT to provide effective and efficient delivery of fire and emergency services in collaboration with other local governments in the area through joint training programs and facilities; and**

**WHEREAS, the cost of providing high-quality training for fire and emergency services personnel is a challenge as CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT seeks to comply with tax cap and tax freeze requirements limiting any increase in its property tax levy; and**

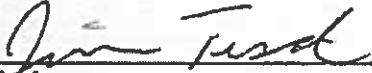
**WHEREAS, CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT directly benefit from reducing the cost of adequately training its fire and emergency services personnel and its citizens would benefit from the increased quality of service supported by additional training; and**

**WHEREAS, the CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT commits to utilize citizen input and involvement along with significant outreach to our residents as the potential costs and benefits of consolidation, shared services, and shared facilities are evaluated; and**

WHEREAS, the CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT is committed to saving Town taxpayers money and preserving the quality of life for residents as an enhanced shared services agreement, consolidation of departments, and/or shared facilities is implemented; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT expresses its support for participating in the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency application and moves its adoption.

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT on May 4, 2017.

  
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Jim Tisch  
Secretary