

**Claryville Fire District
Minutes from November 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:35 PM, Tuesday, November 13, 2014, in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall.

Present: Chairman/Commissioner Charles Breiner, Commissioners, Anthony Carminati, Daniel Forger and Andrew Ford. Absent Jerry Huncosky

Representing the Fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg, Tom Matthews, Amy Davis, Jennifer Pisaniello, Bonnie VanDenBerg, Mike Scofield, Terry McNamara, Morgan Wynkoop and Michael Heron

Public: Peter Donnolo and Eleanor Ahrens

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The treasurer's report for October was read and approved UPON MOTION Dan Forger, Seconded by Andy Ford. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

An executive session was called at 7:12 PM and was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Communications & Bills:

Jim Tisch read the resignation letter from Jerry Huncosky.

There was a discussion for the replacement of Jerry Huncosky for the remainder of 2014 and the entire year of 2015. UPON MOTION by Andy Ford, Seconded by Charlie Breiner was to appoint Morgan Wynkoop to fill the vacant position. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

A reminder was given to submit a letter by November 19th to be listed on the ballot for the 2015 election. There are two positions open this coming year during elections. One is for a five year term, which Charlie Breiner currently holds. The other is a four year term, which Andy Ford currently holds.

The following bills were audited and approved for payment, UPON MOTION by Morgan Wynkoop, Seconded Andy Ford. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVED BILLS

3192	Verizon -7270	Telephone	67.87
3193	Verizon - 7075	Telephone	57.01
3194	Hughes Net	Internet	84.99
3195	Central Hudson	Electric	620.81
3198	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	December rent	966.67
3197	Jim Tisch	November fees for Sec/Treas	400.00
3196	Haight Fire Equipment	Turnout gear	1,663.00
3196	Haight Fire Equipment	Turnout gear	476.00
3196	Haight Fire Equipment	3/4" ID heat shrink tube	8.10
3196	Haight Fire Equipment	Disposable block and strap set and stiff neck collars	138.00
3199	Apple's Small Engine Repair	Preventive maintenance on hydraulic pump	75.00
3199	Apple's Small Engine Repair	Preventive maintenance on hydraulic pump	116.75
3200	Neversink Fire Department	Fire safety material	359.82
3201	Maines Funding Corp 1	Food for annual inspection dinner	936.03
3202	MTN Catering	Catering annual inspection dinner	1,300.00
3203	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	Reimbursement of food costs for inspection dinner	440.22
3204	voided		-
3205	Liberty Trading Post	Tape, carwash and anti-freeze	260.58

Fire Chief's Report:

October 25th – Motor vehicle accident. Jaws of life and stabilization equipment used
 October 28th = Motor vehicle accident jaws of life used. Chiefs reported that cones could not be put in roads because they are not allowed to be in cab until they can be secured in place.

One firefighter has not been present for a year, did not receive a physical, and has not participated in any drills. The Chiefs are not certain if he has any equipment at home. The requirement is to participate in twelve drills a year. Communication with the member results in him stating he wants to participate, but his actions do not follow through. The district will send him a Letter of Absolution. This individual can always reapply for the company. UPOM MOTION by Andy Ford, Seconded by Dan Forger is to dismiss fire fighter Jim Hlinican. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Old Business:

From last month discussed transfer of negative variances. It is stated that this action will be done tonight at this meeting.

Expectation for turnout gear in 2014 was purchasing four sets at nearly \$2500 a piece. The budgeted amount for this year seems to align with amount put into reserve for the budget. The creation of a reserve for equipment requires a public referendum. He is looking for permission from the commissioners to reach out to the council to confirm that this is properly handled, and will report back at the next meeting.

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The mechanics who are servicing the generators are stating that ethanol based gasoline damages generator and small tool engines. They recommend avgas, which does not contain ethanol. This is not sold at gas stations, and must be picked up in five gallon cans. The Extrication Concept is a dealer of this product and also some tools that the company is looking to purchase. Bethel or Ellenville airports will also sell avgas. It has a shelf life of over two years. The cost will be about \$80 per five gallon can. The tools and gas requested is not yet budgeted for 2015. The tools and gas from Extrication Concepts is estimated around \$8935.50. We must review budget adjustments.

This amounts to nearly \$12,000 in leftover money. With adjustments of \$5468.87, a balance of \$6961 is left. This does not allow for the purchase at Extrication Concepts of tools and gas. A suggestion was considered and agreed upon to only order three sets of turnout gear instead of four, which saves \$2500.

Jim mentioned that next year's budget requires \$6000 in surplus.

A suggestion was made to purchase the cabinets through the reserve and purchase the extrication tools through the adjusted money found. Members were not comfortable using the reserve. A compromise was made not to purchase extrication tools and to focus on the purchase of cabinets.

UPON MOTION by Morgan Wynkoop, Seconded by Dan Forger was to authorize the purchase of cabinets to be installed inside the trucks for storage of necessary tools for the amount of \$5034.

Discussion: There is a possibility to wait until January to purchase these cabinets when we are more familiar about where the budget landed. Any excess from 2014 will be transferred into the operating budget for 2015.

A comment was made stating that the fuel for the generators and tools is more important than the cabinets at this time. We need equipment that operates correctly with the proper fuel. There is plenty of money to buy the gas at this point.

In favor: Dan Forger, Morgan Wynkoop Opposed: Charlie Breiner, Andy Ford, Tony Carminatti Motion did not carry 3 to 2.

UPON MOTION by Tony Carminati, Seconded by Andy Ford was to purchase the gas.

Discussion: We know the price, but not the delivery charge, so the cost is not certain. We also do not know exactly how much we will use. The plan is to purchase ten gallons of the gas to carry the company through the end of 2014. This will be charged to the Gas line, and a budget adjustment will be made next month after the purchase. Motion withdrawn because it is purchased under the Gas line.

UPON MOTION by Dan Forger, Seconded by Andy Ford is to authorize the Treasurer to take money out of the equipment lines to balance all of the items mentioned above. All in favor. Motion carried 5 to 0.

New Business:

NFBA standards state that replacement of fire apparatus tires are recommended every seven years. This regulation was discovered after the budget was created. This is a standard and not a federal or state requirement. The tires seem to be in good condition and do not need replacement at this time. Two tires with cuts in the sidewalls are being replaced, but all others are reasonable.

A comment was made that the Chiefs must consult with the Commissioners before ordering any products that were not already approved in a budget line. The Chiefs find this difficult at times because they are held to a high standard of safety for their members and the community. If a piece of equipment becomes faulty and threatens the safety of others, they are forced to replace it immediately. The Commissioners say this must wait until approval at the next meeting.

UPON MOTION by Dan Forger, Seconded by Andy Ford to immediately replace the tires showing damage, taking money from the equipment repair reserve. This will table the discussion regarding NFBA standards at this time. All in favor. Motion carried 5 to 0.

UPON MOTION by Any Ford, Seconded by Tony Carminati is to recognize Jerry Huncosky's years of service, and particularly his expertise on the budget process. All in favor. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports: None

Comments from the Public:

A question was raised regarding where the drains in the truck house lead. The floor drains in the truck house drain into a sump pit and then the liquid drains into a dry well type situation. The cleaning solutions for the trucks are biodegradable. The materials that are washed off of the trucks, such as gasoline and oil, are all draining into this dry well.

A reminder that all minutes are posted on the website for the community to see was stated.

Peter Donnolo would like the recordings of all minutes. He will submit this request in writing.

A question was raised concerning the request for purchasing cabinetry in the trucks. Confirmation was given that the cabinets being purchased are used to house loose equipment. Cones cannot be bungee corded to the truck because there is no appropriate place to affix them on the outside. This could generate an unsafe situation. Blankets must be kept in a sterile environment, which the cabinets provide. OSHA states these materials need to be secured properly. There is no other way to secure these items without cabinets.

Is the estimate of 20 gallons of avgas a year an accurate estimate? This would be used for chainsaws, pumps, and generators. The estimate is accurate based on passed use.

A confirmation was given that NY PESH's last visit was in the spring of 2014. OSHA's last visit was 11 years ago.

The activities of recent budget adjustments this meeting contradict the communication in last month's budget meeting. Last month it was justified that the money in each line is needed, but now we are left with balances in these lines and moving the money. There were a lot of unanticipated expenses in 2014.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM, UPON MOTION by Morgan Wynkoop, Seconded by Tony Carminatti. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Tisch, Sec/Treas.
December 11, 2014