

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING**

- The Meeting of the Claryville Fire District (CFD) was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Thursday, September 7, 2017 in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Cole Community Hall. Present: Commissioners Andrew Ford (Andy), Anthony Carminati (Tony), Peter Donnolo (Pete), Terry McNamara (Terry) and Daniel Forger (Dan); Representing the Fire Department: Chiefs Glenn VanDenBerg (Glen), Tom Matthew (Tom) and Gary Frear (Gary); and, Representing public interests: Mike Scofield (Mike) and Peter Andruszkiewicz (Peter).
- The minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Terry to approved the minutes, supported by Pete, and passed without objection or abstention.
- A Treasurer's Report, dated August 31, 2017, was distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Pete to approve the Report, supported by Dan, and passed without objection or abstention.
- Committee Reports: No reports from the Budget and Capital Plan Committee. Audit Committee is awaiting authorization to review bank balances. Truck Committee will report under Old Business. Recruitment Committee reported that an open house was held and there was no interest in new membership.
- Communications: Andy circulated information from AFDNYS and AFDUC.
- Tom gave the Chief's Report. There were three calls, see Chief's report attached. Pete asked about fire department role in medevac helicopter calls. Tom explained the need and role of the fire department in such calls. Tom gave the dates for pump and hose testing in September and said that the physical exams were done. Tom received and discussed an email he received from Alex Rau which provided an update on the problems with pager and radio reception. Significant improvement was achieved using the Y observatory. Follow up testing using the Y fire substation is being scheduled. Tom will continue to follow up with the County.
- Old Business-Adoption of 2018 Budget: A 2018 Budget sheet, prepared by Jim, was distributed. Andy said the budget exceeds the state cap and will need a separate Board resolution to allow it to be exceeded. There was considerable discussion about changes made at the last meeting. Dan said that the total budget was increased by \$5,000 to increase the amount for reserves. However, the tax burden increased only

\$2,500 because \$2,500 was anticipated to come in from the sale of the radios. In the handout, Jim had placed the \$2,500 under carryover. Andy asked for a motion to approve the budget. The motion was made by Terry, supported by Dan, and passed with one negative vote by Pete and no abstentions.

- Old Business-Turnout Gear Replacement: Andy summarized discussions he had with Bill Young about replacement requirements. Andy suggested that the 10 year replacement requirement be maintained for all interior firefighters, but exterior firefighters be allowed, based on inspection by the Chiefs, to keep gear more than ten years old. Dan suggested that this differs from his original motion, which was tabled, and which addressed both interior and exterior firefighters and put more of the responsibility for determining the condition of the gear on the individual firefighters. Andy said he will review the prior motion and Bill Young's advice and provide a new motion at the November meeting.
- Old Business-Low Band pagers and radios: Glen reported that the old pagers and radios have been collected and inventoried. There was discussion on what should happen next. Terry volunteered that he will follow up with the Chiefs and look into how they can be sold.
- Old Business-Truck Replacement: Tom reported on some informal conversations he has had with a truck manufacturer and others about truck replacement. There may be difficulties in replacing the rescue truck in order to increase water capacity. Replacement costs may be higher than originally anticipated. There was open discussion which lead to a suggestion that the truck committee meet prior to the November meeting and report back to the District and Department.
- New Business-Appraisal: Andy received a new appraisal and suggested that Jim review and discuss at the November meeting.
- CFD bills were circulation during the meeting. Tony moved approval of the bills circulated. The motion, supported by Terry, was passed without objection or abstention.
- Public Comment: Peter suggested that for the budget public meeting it would be helpful that there be a simple summary providing basic changes and how those changes might effect taxes. Dan and Andy will suggested to Jim that he prepare such a presentation.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Tony, supported by Dan and passed. The meeting ended at 7:35 PM.

CHIEF'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 DISTRICT MEETING

FIRE CALLS SINCE LAST MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8/16/17 SET UP HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE AT FROST VALLEY 18:53 PM , CAMPER WITH HEAD INJURY, 6511, 6561, 6501, 6502, 12 MEMBERS

SATURDAY 8/19/17 TREE AND WIRES DOWN CLARYVILLE ROAD 05:22 AM, 6561, 6501, 6502, 6503, 10 MEMBERS

Saturday 8/19/17 19:00 request from Ulster County for our 6x6 , command center trailer & manpower, to Accord for a search for lost person. Report 6am 8/20 to Accord main station , CANCELLED 22:30 hrs by Ulster 911, subject found . 6501, 6502 2 chiefs starting staging

OSHA PHYSICALS WERE DONE MONDAY AUGUST, 21<sup>st</sup> AND MONDAY AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>.

HOSE AND PUMP TESTING WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER. TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12th, WILL BE PUMP TESTING. SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16th WILL BE HOSE TESTING.

Attached is copy of report from Sullivan 911 detailing radio & paging testing done at frost valley & red hill.

9/7/17 Chief ,Tom Matthews



9/4 MONDAY MVA FROST VALLEY RD. AT ROUND POUND  
OUTLET CAR IN RIVER 10:21AM 6561, 6501, 6502, 6503  
9 members