

**Claryville Fire District**  
**Minutes from January 9th, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:03PM, Wednesday January 9th, 2019 in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall.

Present: Commissioners Daniel Forger, Tom Matthews, Terry McNamara, Casey Witthohn and Ashley Ritzheimer.

Representing the fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg, Gary Frear, John Coombs.

Public: Bonnie VanDenberg

- Secretary Report:

Minutes from the December meeting were passed out. Upon motion made by Tom Matthews, and seconded by Terry McNamara they were approved. All in favor, motion passed by a 5 to 0 vote.

- Treasurer's Report:

Upon motion by Terry McNamara to approve treasurer's report , seconded by Tom Matthews, all in favor, motion passed by a 5 to 0 vote

Dan stated that the \$1,567.59 that was left from 2018 be left in the checking and be carried over to 2019. Tom motion, Terry McNamara, all in favor, motion carried 5 to 0 vote.

- Communications

Dan received an email from AFDSC for a request to give names and phone numbers of all the five commissioners. No one had any objections.

Dan received an email from Bill Young about the status of the purchase of truck truck.

Terry McNamara gave Jim Tisch the paperwork on the piggyback justifying as to why we didn't go out to bid.

Ulster County needs some information from Glenn Vandenberg on how many firefighters he has.

- Chief's Report

Fire calls since last meeting:

Saturday 1/4/19 activated alarm 601 Red Hill Knolls Rd. Called out to Grahamsville by mistake, investigated by Claryville Chief. Home owner accidentally set it off in error, opening his house for the weekend. 6501.

December was a short month for drills because of the holidays.

Polaris 6 x 6 has been serviced and idle control modular ordered. It will be installed as soon as it arrives. All the new spare tires and rims for it are here, but two rear tires.

Truck Pro will begin the annual servicing and inspection of the trucks next week if his schedule allows it.

- 2018 Committee Reports

Capital Plan/Truck Committee: Jim Tisch passed out the Capital plan for purchases from the Capital Reserve fund.

Truck committee met in December:

- January 2019 replace pumper 6511 with a new HME/Ahrens Fox pumper/tanker as bid using the piggyback system of bidding. This new pumper/tanker shall be housed in the main station. The existing pumper tanker 6531 will then be placed in the West branch substation.
- Truck 5511 will be put up for sale by bid to the highest bidder. It will have a reserve of \$150,000.
- 2023-2025 replace 6512 with a 1(one) ton dual wheel 4(four) wheel drive, single cab truck with a utility type body and towing package. We will apply for a FEMA grant in 2019 to make this replacement happen earlier if possible.
- 2025-2026 replace pumper tanker 6531
- 2027-2028 replace pumper rescue 6561
- If we win a FEMA grant for replacement of 6512 then the other replacement years could possibly change.

Procurement Committee: Reasons to Piggyback instead of going out to bid.

This will save money by:

- Going to bid can create lawyers fees as high as \$15,000.00. Using piggyback system lawyers fees are already taken care of, meaning no fees to us.
- Best bang for the buck for taxpayers. Everything is already state bid price.
- Keeps price increases down.
- Quicker build time to delivery, no long wait for bid process to go through as it has already been completed.
- We can sell truck that is being replaced sooner and get more value for that truck because there is no long wait for a bid process to go through.

- Other fire departments around us have gone to the piggyback system to provide the above mentioned advantages to the taxpayers in those fire districts.

Once the contracts are signed it will take 270 (two hundred and seventy) days to deliver the truck.

Advantages of new pumper tanker over old 6511:

- Water carried: New truck will have 1,800 gallons of water instead of only 1,000 gallons of water.
- Attack Lines: new truck will have 1 ¾ cross lay lines instead of high pressure hose reels. This is less costly and much better for quick attack.
- There will be more compartments for equipment storage.
- New truck will have all the new the new N.F.P.A. 2019 safety upgrades.
- NFPA lighting upgrades
- All NFPA safety equipment
- Pump upgrade to auto pressure relief valve and emergency. Pump shut down in case of a problem with the pump during operation. This prevents engine damage to the truck

- Audit Committee:

Dan stated the treasurer's report was accurate.

Old Business:

- Resolution to spend funds from a Capital Reserve Fund and Public Notices.
- Resolution to authorize execution of a Contract by commissioner Tom Matthews

Terry McNamara made a motion to accept both the resolutions, Ashley Ritzheimer seconded, all in favor. Motion passed 5 to 0 vote.

- Cancer Insurance:

Jim went with our existing insurance. Glenn will give him all the names of the firefighters.

- Sexual Harassment Policy and Training:

Des signed up for the webinar on January 16th, 2019. Glenn will let us know when instructor can come and do class.

- Posting of District meetings on department sign:

Glenn posted on the sign this months meeting.

- Other Old Business

All new commissioner will have to do training. Ashley will do it online.

- New Business:

None

- Approval of bill, budget adjustments and Adjourn.

- Bills

The following bills were audited and approved for payment. Upon motion by Terry McNamara and seconded by Ashley Ritzheimer. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote

Check:

3852 Spectrum	Internet & phone	106.59
3853 Verizon 7075	Telephone	85.23
3854 Central Hudson	Electric	525.72
3855 Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept	January Rent	1000.00
3856 Jim Tisch	December Treasurer	300.00
3857 Desiree Jimenez	December Secretary	150.00
3858 Frances Chewiwi	Voided	--
3859 Elaine Beck	Election Clerk	50.00
3860 Smith Motorsports	Tires and oil change	1300.00
3861 Extrication Concepts	Wheeled Roll Cage for TNT power units	1090.00
3862 Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown P.C.	Legal fees	184.00
3863 John Coombs	Mileage reimbursement	520.48
3864 Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	Plaque annual inspection dinner	140.00
3865 AFDNY	Annual dues	300.00
3866 Ross Electric	Generator Service	695.00
3867 The Townsman	Notices	32.40
3868 Shelley Oil & Excavating	Snow plowing	290.00
3869 Classroom To You	Bloodbourne Pathogens	150.00

- Comments from the public: None

- Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Upon motion from Terry McNamara and seconded by Casey Witthohn. All in favor, motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote

Respectfully submitted,  
 Desiree Jimenez  
 Claryville Fire District  
 Secretary  
 January 9th, 2019

