

**Claryville Fire District
Minutes from June 12, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:34 PM, Thursday, June 12, 2014, in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall.

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

Representing the Fire Department: Jeff Williams.

Public: Jean Switzler, Jeanne Donnolly, Arny Wager, Pete Donnolo, Joy Montforte, Lou Inzalaco, Tammy Beck, Elaine Beck, Paul Beck, Gary Beck and Carol Lasco.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved as amended UPON MOTION Dan Forger, Seconded by Tony Carminati. Opposed: None Abstained: None

The treasurer's report for May was read and approved UPON MOTION Dan Forger, Seconded by Tony Carminati. Opposed: None Abstained: None

There were no budget adjustments required.

Communications & Bills: The following bills were audited and approved for payment, UPON MOTION by Andy Ford, Seconded by Dan Forger. Opposed: None Abstained: None

The rent check for the fire department will not be disbursed until keys to the fire house for the commissioners are received.

APPROVED BILLS

3131	Verizon -7270	Telephone	66.24
3132	Verizon - 7075	Telephone	56.82
3133	Hughes Net	Internet	84.99
3134	Central Hudson	Electric	1,155.93
3135	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	July rent	966.67
3136	Jim Tisch	June fees for Sec/Treas	400.00
3137	Jim Tisch	Reimbursement for recorder	59.88
3138	Amy Wynkoop	Mileage reimbursement for training	199.86
3139	Ross Electric	Service generator	550.00
3139	Ross Electric	Service generator - replace block heater	434.11
3140	AW Direct	Heavy duty recessed rope rings	53.97
3140	AW Direct	Heavy duty recessed rope rings	104.11
3141	KJBL Electronics	Service call to check out base & siren receiver	125.00
3142	USPS	Stamps	49.00
3143	Truck Pro	Replaced batteries Truck 6512	465.66

Fire Chief's Report:

1 call – motor vehicle accident Red hill road

Drills have been scattered attendance. Been drop in moral in the department partially due to the thinking there is a list of homes and that commissioners questions to individual about the non response Blue hill Lodge. What is the leadership doing Andy Trying to move forward we have a responsibility. What are the chief and first assistant doing, to improve moral are the rising above the issue or helping create moral issue. Jeff Williams responded they are trying to curb the moral issue.

Old Business:

Tony Carminati reminded the department that the commissioners still had not received keys to the firehouse. Jeff Williams is to follow up on that.

Andy Ford questioned whether the request for details on Truck Pro invoices was meet. Army Wagner said yes he did. When asked if the bills were inline Army answered yes they are a high price but the company does good work. Army had some questions that would be tabled to next month when the appropriate personnel are present.

New Business:

Jeff Williams stated that the commissioners could not act independently from the board. Jeff is saying people are being questioned by individual and this is not appropriate. There was much discussion around this topic. Jeff Williams wants to be on record has full respect to the district and the public and wants this to work and have mutual respect. He stated that there are trust issues with the commissioners, department and public. In order to make this work we need to get past all of this and move on. Andy Ford made a motion for the chiefs to go into discussion with Grahamsville and Neversink to have a formal assessment of mutual aid. Seconded by Tony Carminatti. Opposed: None Abstained: None. Dan Forger wanted it clarified it is up to the Claryville Fire Department chiefs to discuss this with other chiefs and come up with a proposal.

Charles Breiner presented an Equipment Request Form to be utilized in the budget process. It was brought up to also hire a consultant to do the inventory of the districts equipment. A motion was made by Andy Ford to get three proposals unless one is state approved, to have an outside company be hired to compile a complete inventory of all district owned equipment. The amount is not to exceed \$4,000. Seconded by Tony Carminati. None opposed. Abstained: None. Dan Forger stated that it is great to want to put in improvements in place but all these items are costing the district and department money.

Andy Ford made a motion to form a committee of two commissioners and members of the department to develop the corrective action plan for the state. Seconded by Tony

Carminati. Opposed : None. Abstained: None Members of the committee are Andy Ford, Dan Forger, Jim Tisch and Jeff Williams.

Andy Ford requested tabling the Foil policy to next month.

Committee Reports: None

Comments from the Public: Jean Switzler questioned why Glen VanDenBerg and Tom Matthews were not there. Charlie reported they could not be there.

Jean asked if any active members could step up and be chief. Jeff Williams stated that the by-laws will limit the number of members qualified to be chief also with the limited number of calls does not generate the experience. Andy Ford questioned if the qualification match the need. Jeff says we need to be prepared for the worst.

Jean asked are there contracts in place as stated in the organizational meeting. There is not a signed contract each year.

There were questions about response time on Red Hill. The department will do trial runs again and report back of the times at the next meeting.

Peter Donnolo wanted to address the issue about the lack of moral. Peter stated we are here because of the astronomical dollars for the budget with the number of calls. And we are not here to lower the moral. Peter stated that the district propose multi-year budgets. Charles Breiner stated that the district is listening and hearing and moving forward.

Peter Donnolly acknowledges that progress is happening and it was not to lower moral; but to make sure that taxes are lowered and compensatory to the size of the district.

Jean Switzler wanted to go on record stating that Claryville had 18 calls last year and spent \$25,000 more than Grahamsville.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM, UPON MOTION by Tony Carminati, Seconded by Andy Ford.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Tisch, Sec/Treas.
July 10, 2014