

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2016 MEETING**

- The Meeting of the Claryville Fire District (CFD) was called to order at 7:13 P.M. Thursday, January 7, 2016 in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Cole Community Hall. Present: Commissioners Andrew Ford (AF), Anthony Carminati (AC), Terry McNamara (TMN), Daniel Forger (DF) and Peter Donnolo (PD); Representing the Fire Department: Chief Glenn VanDenBerg (GVDB), Assistant Chiefs Tom Matthews (TM) and Gary Frear (GF) and Mike Scofield (MS).
- The minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting were read by DF. PD inserted the specific dates of his Commission. With that change, AC made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was supported by TMN and passed without objection or abstention.
- The CFD Treasurer's Report for December 2015 was read by AF. A motion was made to approve the Report, made by DF, supported by PD and passed without objection or abstention.
- There were no Committee Reports. AF said that an amount of money needs to be determined which would be transferred from existing reserves to the new Equipment Reserve.
- GVDB gave the Chief's Report. There were four calls including a serious structural fire. TM reported on the radios and said that there may be a significant cost reduction for the mobile radios that need replacement. TM reported that there were two recent firefighter deaths in nearby Districts and called attention to the serious nature of the work and the need for good equipment and training. TM believes that the CFD need to assure itself that equipment is up to date and maintained. AF felt the CFD needs to engage the public in the effort to reduce serious fires and asked for suggestions. TM indicated that our insurer, ESIP, would provide outreach to the public. In the past, "give-a-ways" of smoke alarms and CO detectors didn't seem to work well. AF suggested outreach tied to the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) Breakfasts and indicated that an effort undertaken by CVFD would be supported by CFD.
- Under Old Business, AF discussed a proposal for internet and phone service, see attached. GVDB said the HudgesNet internet hasn't been working for a long time and we need to cancel the service and should not be paying bills, if we aren't getting service. DF made a motion to authorize Jim Tisch to cancel the current HudgesNet

service and, upon cancellation, sign the three year agreement with Time Warner. The motion was supported by PD and passed without objection or abstention. TM requested funding of remaining truck cabinets. It was suggested that he check to see if there was any changes in pricing and funding was tabled.

- Under New Business, DF made a motion to make two adjustments to the 2015 Budget. Under Contractual Expenses \$74 be moved from Other to Notices. And, under Fire Fighting Expenses \$11.44 moved from Fire training to Active Call Personal Vehicles. The motion was supported by TMN and passed without objection or abstention. AC made a motion that a Procurement (Truck) Committee be formed separate from the Budget Committee. The motion was supported by PD and passed without objection or abstention. TM, GVDB, DF, AC and GF agreed to be on the Committee. GVDB said that he wanted all Assistant Chiefs involved as asked that CJ McGrath be added. TM asked the CFD to support attendance to an Ulster County Fire Chiefs Training Seminar. There was discussion on the training budget. A motion was made by DF to authorize Jim Tisch to pay for this training directly so CVFD members can be registered. The motion was supported by AC and passed without objection or abstention. If CFD checks are not obtained on time, CFD will reimburse costs for this training expended by CVFD.
- In review of the bills. TM said the M&M billing should be paid under 2015. GVDB said the HugesNet bill needs to be clarified with Jim before being paid. AF will follow up with Jim Tisch on these two matters. AF made a motion to authorize payment of the M&M bill, pending Tisch clarification, from 2015 expenditures, The motion was supported by AC and passed. TMN made a motion to approve all the other bills before the CFD. The motion was supported by AC and passed.
- There was no public comment. TM requested copies of CFD policies be provided to all CVFD Chiefs.
- A motion to adjourn was made by TMN, supported by AC and passed