

**Claryville Fire District
Minutes from October 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 8:05 PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall.

Present: Chairman/Commissioner Andrew Ford, Commissioners, Daniel Forger, Anthony Carminati and Terry McNamara. Absent: Morgan Wynkoop

Representing the Fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg, Tom Matthews, Gary Frear, Desiree Jimenez and Virginia Frear.

Public: Peter Donnolo, Joy Monforte, Arnold Wager, Katherine Parr, Elaine Beck, Carl Schonbachler, Jane Carminati, Paul Schonmaker, James Sheeley, Lillian Scoles, Clifford Fainty, Michal Heron and Carol Lasco

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved as amended UPON MOTION by Dan Forger, Seconded by Terry McNamara. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

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

Jim Tisch presented the monthly financial report through October 20, 2015. There were budget adjustments needed to be made.

Communications & Bills:

The following bills were audited and approved for payment, UPON MOTION by Tony Carminati, Seconded by Terry McNamara. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

APPROVED BILLS

3347	Verizon -7270	Telephone	78.61
3348	Verizon - 7075	Telephone	70.70
3349	Hughes Net	Internet	84.99
3350	Central Hudson	Electric	529.45
3351	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	November rent	1,000.00
3352	Jim Tisch	October fees for Sec/Treas	400.00
3353	Tom Matthews	Mileage reimbursement	182.85
3354	Gary Frear	Mileage reimbursement	12.85
3355	Desiree Jimenez	Mileage reimbursement	154.76
3356	voided		
3357	Physicals Unlimited	Physicals, fit tests and DOT cards	900.00
3358	Earl Sheeley & Son	Diesel fuel	856.13
3359	M&M Auto Group	Being held	-
3360	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	Renew Northern Tool account	39.99

3360	Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept.	Provide sandwiches for hose testing	99.63
3361	Glenn VanDenBerg	Mileage reimbursement	33.24
3362	KJBL Electronics	Radio batteries	84.00
3362	KJBL Electronics	Magnetic mount	50.00
3363	Extrication concepts	Rescue jacks	4,307.61

Fire Chief's Report:

See attached.

Dan Forger gave in update on the Ulster County Commissioners Meeting. One of the topics was the shortage of volunteer fire fighters. This is not just a local problem but a problem nationwide. Several other states are going to methods of having shared paid fire fighters and also paying fire for responding to calls. New York is working on legislature to address the shortage. This could have a monetary impact in the future.

Ulster County will upgrade all pagers by June 2016 but will not upgrade any radios at that time.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

UPON MOTION by Terry McNamara, Seconded by Dan Forger was to adopt the 2016 budget as proposed. During discussion it was suggested to reduce reserves by \$5,000 and fuel costs by \$1,000. The rationale was presented that the fact there was no increase to tax payers and we are within the state's mandated requirements, to reduce it would mean any increases necessary in the future years would have high probability of going to referendum. Both the public and commissioners weighed in on this discussion. In favor: Andy Ford, Dan Forger and Terry McNamara. Opposed: Tony Carminati. Motion carried by a 3 to 1 vote. Budget is attached.

New Business:

UPON MOTION by Terry McNamara, Seconded by Dan Forger was to appoint Diane Larison and Edith Chewiwi as the board of election for the upcoming election. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Comments from the Public: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM, UPON MOTION by Terry McNamara, Seconded by Tony Carminati. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Tisch, Sec/Treas.
November 5, 2015