

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Danby Fire District was called to order by Chairman Westmiller at 8:07 pm on January 14, 2014 at the Danby Fire Station following the Organizational Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Gene Beavers
Ralph Bowles
Bill Halton
Edward Kokkelenberg
Wayne Westmiller

Officers: Deanna Bowles, Secretary Treasurer
John Gaden, Danby Chief
Tony Carlisle, W. Danby Chief

Public:

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bowles moved to approve the minutes for December 17, 2013. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmiller and carried with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The VISA card for Chief Wendt has been cancelled and a VISA card for Chief Carlisle has been ordered;
- Firehouse Software contract was received with a cost of \$845 for 3 users. Commissioner Kokkelenberg moved to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor;
- A check in the amount of \$1042.51 was received from McNeil & Co. for loss claimed, minus the \$1000 deductible, and deposited into the Operating Account;
- Firehouse Apparatus credited our account with \$244 for the overnight air shipping charge on a previous bill.

Commissioner Halton moved to approve the treasurer's report, and to pay Operating Account Abstract 12 claims 480-498 in the amount of \$10,884.68, and Operating Account Abstract 1 claims 1-16 in the amount of \$31,516.96. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bowles and carried with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications were received:

- McNeil & Co, acknowledgement of Kenneth VanEtten's claim;
- Tompkins Financial Advisors and Home Loan Bank securities pledged;
- McNeil & Co. policy change to include The Duke Co. as additional insured;
- Workers' Compensation & Employers Liability Policy for 2014;
- Thaler & Thaler retainer agreement;
- ESIP Insurance Proposal at \$20009.04 with an additional proposal for Group Life at \$6120.00 with \$10000 Basic Life and \$20000 accidental death. Commissioner Halton will check whether or not this would be paid in addition to any other life insurance coverage;
- IRS inquiry regarding the maturity date on the bond for pumpers. This has been answered;
- AFDSNY training schedule, including Commissioner Training in Syracuse, which Commissioner Kokkelenberg is planning to attend;
- Pinsky Law Group Fire & EMS Conference Mar. 27-30 at the Turning Stone;
- Gaggle Co. reminder to clean septic system;
- Email from Jeanette Stedge of True Insurance to request all contractors working in or on District property list the District as additional insured;
- Affidavit of Publication for the Organizational Meeting – attached to the Organizational Meeting minutes;

- OSC information regarding the AUD;
- The Duke Co. request for Certificate of Insurance – issued;
- Tyler Fire Equipment request for information update – completed;
- Fulton Savings Bank confirmation of bond transfer from The Bank of Greene County for the new pumpers;
- NFPA invoice. This was discussed and decided by consensus that the District would not continue the subscription at this time;
- Letter from the Danby Volunteer Fire Company transferring ownership of the Danby Fire Station contents to the District pending acceptance. Commissioner Halton moved to accept the transfer of ownership. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmiller and carried with all in favor.

COMMITTEES:

PURCHASING:

Chief Gaden will be ordering turn out gear before the end of January to take advantage of prices before the prices increase \$240 per set for this year.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Danby Fire Station:

- The boiler quit twice and has been serviced;
- Chief Gaden has requested a quote from Westbrook Enterprises to add lights and outlets in the Maintenance Room with a separate circuit for the heater;
- The shut-off valve for outside water on the south side of the station by the entrance door is leaking and should be replaced with a shut-off valve on the inside of the station;
- Gas leaks have been fixed in the kitchen;
- Chief Gaden reported snow removal by the Danby Highway Dept. is working well.

West Danby Fire Station:

- HSC has serviced and inspected the bay heaters. The lift will be needed again to finish replacing igniters and thermal couplers.
- The man door to the truck bay needs the handle repaired.
- Verizon caused a fire alarm line 1 fault due to Verizon working on the telephone lines.

INSURANCE:

No report

TRUCKS:

A prepared Resolution for a Permissive Referendum was received from Attorney Butler for disposal of the 2 replaced pumpers. Commissioner Beavers moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kokkelenberg and carried by a roll call vote with all in favor. Secretary Treasurer Bowles will have the resolution published in The Ithaca Journal and copied to the town website.

TOWN BOARD:

No report

RECORDS:

No report

POLICY:

No report

TRUCK BOND:

No report.

TRAINING:

Chiefs Gaden and Carlisle will be submitting requests to attend a training session in Newark Valley on Inspection of Turn Out Gear presented by Globe Manufacturing.

BUDGET:

No report.

CHIEFS REPORTS:DVFC:

- A written report was received for December 2013.
- Chief Gaden has contacted Candor Fire Department regarding the damage to their truck during a recent mutual aid call to Danby. No claim has been made to this date;
- Firehouse Apparatus installed a seal kit on 401 for Discharge #4 which was damaged due to ice;

WDFC:

- No written reports were received. To date, the District has not received April thru December monthly reports for 2013.
- A list of Chiefs and Officers was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Halton reported Attorney Krogh was not enthusiastic on solar energy for the District Fire Stations. The required engineering study, alone, to determine the roof strength to support solar panels could be \$10,000. It was agreed by consensus to look at solar energy in another year, and, in the meantime, check with other communities who have contracts with Solar Liberty.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Beavers requested the bid package for lawn mowing be issued in February with the Bid Opening on Mar. 18th. This was approved by consensus;
- Commissioner Beavers also requested the overflow tank at the West Danby Station be placed on the agenda;
- Commissioner Beavers will obtain quotes for pumping out the septic tanks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Bowles
Secretary