

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2014

In the absence of Chairman Westmiller, the regular meeting of the Danby Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Beavers at 7:30 pm on February 11, 2014 at the West Danby Fire Station.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Gene Beavers
Ralph Bowles
Bill Halton
Edward Kokkelenberg

Absent: Wayne Westmiller

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

Public: Mary Beavers

MINUTES:

Commissioner Halton moved to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes as printed and to approve the January 14, 2014 minutes with the following changes: corrected spelling of "Thaler & Thaler" and "Turning Stone", and the last sentence under Old Business changed to read "It was agreed by consensus to look at solar energy in another year, and, in the meantime, check with communities who have contracts with Solar Liberty." Motion was seconded by Commissioner Beavers and carried with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary Treasurer Bowles will contact NYSEG regarding the increase in the cost of electricity.

Secretary Treasurer Bowles contacted the Town of Danby Treasurer regarding receipt of the tax levy. This is expected to be received within the next week. A check for \$543.91 refund of 2013 expenses was received from McKesson Corp. for a Moore Medical overpayment, and deposited into the Operating Account.

Commissioner Halton moved to approve the treasurer's report and to pay Operating Account Abstract 2 claims 17-44 in the amount of \$13,873.54. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beavers and carried with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications were received:

- Advanced Legal Issues Mar. 8 & 9 Fire Academy;
- Home Loan Bank & Tompkins Financial Advisors securities pledged;
- Statement from Mark Butler - remaining balance of retainer is \$2402.50;
- DTCC return of original security certificate for the \$485K bond;
- NFCSS renewal notice – not to be renewed;
- NFPA membership renewal thru 3/31/17 \$430.00 – not to be renewed;
- Audit information requests – completed;
- Mirabito request for tax exemption certificate for 2014 – completed;
- Affidavit of Publication for notice of regular meetings – attached to tonight's minutes;
- Adirondack Fire Equipment offer to sell apparatus;
- PERMA notice to send a copy of NYS-45 quarterly to PERMA per Workers' Compensation Board;
- PERMA acknowledgement of Ken VanEtten's claim;
- IRS acknowledgement of receipt of tax-exempt bond;
- Tompkins Trust Co. 1099-INT;

- Tompkins County Board of Elections 2014 Poll Site Agreements – to be completed by the Chiefs and Secretary Treasurer Bowles;
- Tompkins Trust Co. notice that our safety deposit box annual fee will increase \$5;
- *Fire District Affairs* Dec.-Jan issue – given to Commissioners;
- PERMA Annual Conference May 22-23 at Lake George;
- Climate Control quote for Outdoor Reset Control System at \$4,700. Commissioner Kokkelenberg moved to not accept the quote. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beavers and carried with all in favor;
- VISA card for Chief Carlisle w/\$3000 limit received and given to Chief Carlisle;
- Climate Control quote to replace the fan motors at \$887.00. Commissioner Beavers moved to accept the quote. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor;
- PERMA Employee Concentration Worksheet – deadline Feb. 28. This will be completed by Commissioner Halton and Secretary Treasurer Bowles;
- Suggestion by Commissioner Kokkelenberg to invite a vendor to refill fire extinguishers for the public at Fun Day.

COMMITTEES:

PURCHASING:

Turn Out Gear has been ordered for both fire companies. In addition, a 6” intake valve and adapters have been ordered for 401 and 200’ of 1 ½” hose for Danby. A haligan bar and tool brackets have been ordered for 1401.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

- Septic tank pumping for both stations is being looked into by Commissioner Beavers;
- Requests for Lawn Mowing Proposals advertised at the Town Hall and in the *Danby Area News*. Requests will be sent to previous bidders;
- Generator service is scheduled for Friday Feb. 14th;

Danby Fire Station:

Exhaust fan may need to be replaced.

West Danby Fire Station:

Overflow tank is pending.

INSURANCE:

Commissioner Halton moved to approve the ESIP Proposal for Property & Casualty and Umbrella Policy as quoted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beavers and carried with all in favor.

Life insurance for members is pending while Commissioner Halton gathers additional information.

TRUCKS:

Commissioner Beavers moved to permit Chief Gaden to contact Brindlee Fire Apparatus to sell 401 and 1401. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor.

TOWN BOARD:

No report

RECORDS:

No report

POLICY:

No report

MEMBERSHIP:

No report.

TRAINING:

Training request received from Commissioner Kokkelenberg to attend Fire Commissioner Training in Syracuse May 1, 2014. Request approved by consensus.

LONG RANGE PLAN:

Commissioners Kokkelenberg and Halton will work on Long Range Planning.

CHIEFS REPORTS:

DVFC: A written report was received for January.

Station usage requested for Mar. 15th by Rebecca Brenner for a birthday party. Commissioner Beavers moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor.

WDFD: A written report was received for January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Beavers moved to Table the Solar Liberty Contract for 1 year, and to have the Building & Grounds Committee track it during that time. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kokkelenberg and carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be Mar. 18, 2014 at the Danby Fire Station. Meetings scheduled for Feb. 18th and Mar. 11th are cancelled.

Commissioner Beavers moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss a member's complaint. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor. An **EXECUTIVE SESSION** was called to order at 8:45 pm by Commissioner Beavers with the Commissioners and Chief Gaden present. Executive Session adjourned at 8:48 pm. No action was taken and the regular meeting resumed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Bowles
Secretary