

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Danby Fire District was called to order by Chairman Westmiller at 7:30 pm on September 10, 2014 at the Danby Fire Station.

### ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Ralph Bowles  
Bill Halton  
Wayne Westmiller

Absent: Gene Beavers  
Edward Kokkelenberg

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

Public:

### MINUTES:

No minutes were presented for approval.

### APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Commissioner Westmiller moved to pay the vouchers as audited and approved on Operating Account Abstract 9 claims 182-200 in the amount of \$35,279.53. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- McNeil & Co. check received in the amount of \$3,572.28 for claim on new 401 – deposited;
- State of New York check received in the amount of \$1,247.88 for unclaimed funds – deposited;
- Orlando Vargas's check in the amount of \$13,000.00 for purchase of old 401 – deposited;
- NYS Div. of Homeland Security updated payment history for \$300,000 loan;
- TRIAD check in the amount of \$15,000 for a grant to purchase jaws and spreaders – deposited.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

- Email from Attorney Steve Shahan – forwarded to those named in a law suit;
- Orlando Vargas, d/b/a Rescue Vehicle Export purchase agreement for old 401 in the amount of \$13,000.00. A vote was polled via email. Commissioners Westmiller, Bowles, and Halton approved the sale, Commissioner Kokkelenberg abstained on the basis of keeping the apparatus as backup, and Commissioner Beavers was absent for the vote. Attorney Butler prepared a Purchase Agreement and Bill of Sale which were signed by both parties, and payment received. Commissioner Westmiller moved to approve the sale and to remove the apparatus from the District insurance, seconded by Commissioner Halton, and carried with all in favor;
- Tompkins Trust Co. and Home Loan Bank securities pledged;
- FASNY Survival Training in Solvay – emailed to Chiefs;
- Attorney Mark Butler's statement - \$1037.50 remaining retainer balance;
- New VISA card for District;
- Casella renewal of Service Contract for 2 years – Commissioner Westmiller will call AWS for a quote;
- SCBA test reports – to be filed;
- Amazon tax exemption granted;
- Occustar reports.

### COMMITTEES:

**PURCHASING:**

- Chief Carlisle ordered 600' of 5" hose and will be ordering a new AED battery and a Combi Tool;
- Chief Gaden ordered 300' of 1 ¾" hose and a 1 ½" straight tip nozzle;
- Light bar lenses have been received

**BUILDINGS/GROUNDS:**

- Chief Gaden reported the freezer in Danby has been shut off, and the extra refrigerator will be shut off soon;
- Chief Carlisle is checking on furnace blower replacement and/or furnace repair;
- Chief Carlisle asked about renting a lift for cleaning the station – the Commissioners will look into it.

**INSURANCE:**

- Life insurance for the Commissioners was discussed and Secretary Treasurer Bowles will check with Attorney Butler on legalities;
- Insurance premiums for Accident & Sickness are expected to increase 2-4%, PERMA 2%, and Liability 10-28% partially due to pending lawsuits and complaints.

**TRUCKS:**

- Commissioner Halton will check with the Danby Highway Dept. regarding purchase of old 1401;
- 442 needs NYS Inspection;
- 443 fender replacement quote is still pending.

**TOWN BOARD:**

No report.

**RECORDS:**

No report.

**POLICY:**

No report.

**MEMBERSHIP/TRAINING:**

No report.

**LONG RANGE PLAN:**

No report.

**BUDGET:**

- A Budget Workshop will be held Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm.

**GRANTS:**

- Commissioner Halton moved to approve a FEMA grant request for 5" hose, and a FEMA grant request for a new tanker, seconded by Commissioner Westmiller, and carried with all in favor.

**CHIEFS REPORTS:**

**DVFC:**

- Written report for August 2014 received.
- Joan Grant was accepted as a support member and Jason Rubenstein was accepted as an EMS member pending approval by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Westmiller moved to accept the new members pending arson checks and physicals as required. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor;
- Station usage requests were as follow: 9/28 baby shower by Shelly Marino, 10/4 baby shower by Priscilla Hall Krebs, 9/29 baby shower by Noy Davis, 9/29 flu shots and PPD tests, and 10/2 PPD test results. Commissioner Westmiller moved to approve the station usage requests, seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor.

WDFC:  
No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commissioner Halton volunteered to sign up for an OSC webinar “Property Tax Cap Review and Tax Freeze Details – Fire Districts”.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Bowles  
Secretary