

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2016

Commissioner Westmiller called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Danby Fire Station.

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:

Katherine Anderson
Kevin Faehndrich
Joe Freedman
Edward Kokkelenberg
Wayne Westmiller

OFFICERS:

Deanna Bowles, Treasurer
Sharon Gaden, Secretary, Deputy Treasurer
John Gaden, Danby Fire Chief

PUBLIC:

Ralph Bowles
Paul Hansen, Town of Danby Zoning Officer

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Commissioner Kokkelenberg moved to pay the vouchers as audited and approved on Operating Account Abstract 7 claims 155-161 in the amount of \$124,237.91. Motion seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report:

- Filed NYS-45 and Form 941 for Second Quarter
- NYS-45 Second Quarter sent to PERMA
- Receiving 6 lateral file cabinets for the District Office compliments of Lansing Instrument Corp.. These will replace the steel shelving and "banker boxes".

Commissioner Kokkelenberg moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Faehndrich. Carried 5-0.

Guest Speaker Paul Hansen discussed Solar Energy and the possibility of the Fire District entering into a contract with the Town of Danby Highway Department and the West Danby Water District.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- New York State Vital Signs 2016 EMS Conference
- July issue of Danby Area News
- Received email re: 1st Responder Exclusive Product Showcase, forwarded to Chief Gaden and Chief Wendt
- Received email re: Association of Fire Districts Annual Expo, forwarded to Commissioners and Treasurer
- Received email re: FASNY Volunteer Firefighter News: July, forwarded to Commissioners and Chiefs

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

CHIEFS REPORTS:

WDFC: No Report

DANBY: Chief Gaden reported:

- Written report for June received
- Still having computer problems in regard to printing

COMMITTEES:

PURCHASING:

- Treasurer Bowles asked about the Hurst tool that has still not been ordered but money is being held to pay for it. Commissioner Westmiller will ask Chief Wendt to order a Hurst tool that is comparable to the one that has not been manufactured yet.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS:

- Chief Gaden reported he spoke to the Town Highway Superintendent in regard to the potholes in the parking lot by the Park-N-Ride, they were taken care of that day.
- Discussion held on 2016 and 2017 repairs to West Danby fire station. Commissioners Faehndrich and Westmiller will work with Chief Wendt to compile a list of necessary repairs.

GRANTS:

- Commissioner Anderson gave a report on the bids she has received to date in regard to a digital sign for in front of 1780 Danby Road. She will get a third bid and review all bids with Commissioner Faehndrich and they will present their recommendation at the next meeting.
- Chief Gaden reported he received notification the Fire District was awarded a 2016 DEC grant in the amount of \$3,000.00. Equipment has been ordered and each Fire Company will have \$750.00 deducted from their equipment budgets.
- Commissioner Anderson emailed a representative in regards to the process of possibly applying for a grant through the railroad
- Commissioners Anderson and Kokkelenberg are working together to apply for a FEMA grant for new SCBA equipment. Chief Gaden reported he and Chief Wendt are meeting this week to discuss their needs
- Commissioners Anderson and Kokkelenberg hope to speak to New York State Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton about the possibility of obtaining a grant to help with the cost of the new digital sign. Commissioners Freedman and Westmiller will be meeting with Town of Danby representatives also.

INSURANCE: No Report

TRUCKS:

- Chief Gaden reported he has received pictures of 421 cab and chassis from 4Guys.
- Chief Gaden reported 443 will be having the Mobile Data Terminal installed in it this week. The County has decided to pay for the air cards till the end of the year. At the end of 2016 the County will decide if they can fund the air cards next year too. Commissioner Faehndrich will look into Air cards vs Jet pack. A letter from the Director of the Dept. of Emergency Response on this was given to the Secretary for retention.

TOWN BOARD: No Report

RECORDS: No Report

POLICY: No Report

MEMBERSHIP/TRAINING:

- Chief Gaden reported he has 2 individuals interested in attending the 2016 Vital Signs 2016 EMS Conference, tabled till August

LONG RANGE PLAN: No Report

BUDGET:

- Next workshop will be on August 16, 2016 following the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recruiting. Commissioner Faehndrich needs representatives from each department to go to places/events to help enlist volunteers.
- Discussion held on Tompkins County Fire/EMS Mutual Aid Plan, copy was given to the Secretary for retention. It has been in process for a long time and reviewed by the County and City Attorneys. The County asked that Commissioners adopt a Resolution by the end of the month.

Commissioner Westmiller moved to adopt Resolution 2016-07-19.1 Resolved, that the Danby Fire District encourages the participation in the Tompkins County Fire/EMS Mutual Aid Plan as now in force and updated from time to time, and certifies to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Director of the Department of Emergency Response, that no restriction exists against Mutual Aid as defined by the Tompkins County Fire/EMS Mutual Aid Plan by Fire Company, Fire Department, or Emergency Service Agency to participate in such plan. Resolved Further that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Department of Emergency Response.; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with 4 ayes 1 abstain.

Commissioner Westmiller adjourned the regular meeting of the Danby Fire District at 8:57 p.m. to go into budget workshop.

Budget workshop was held to work on 2017 proposed budget. Workshop adjourned at 9:07 p.m..

Sharon Gaden
Secretary

DANBY FIRE DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR FIRE DISTRICT HAVING
JURISDICTION OVER THE FIRE COMPANY, FIRE DEPARTMENT OR
EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCY**

Resolution No. 2016-07-19.1

Commissioner Wayne Westmiller offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Danby Fire District encourages the participation in the Tompkins County Fire/EMS Mutual Aid Plan as now in force and updated from time to time, and certifies to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Director of the Department of Emergency Response, that no restriction exists against Mutual Aid as defined by the Tompkins County Fire/EMS Mutual Aid Plan by Fire Company, Fire Department, or Emergency Service Agency to participate in such plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Department of Emergency Response.

Seconded by Commissioner Katherine Anderson and the Board of Fire Commissioners voted as follows:

Name:	Voting: Aye or Nay:
Commissioner Anderson	Aye
Commissioner Faehndich	Aye
Commissioner Freedman	Aye
Commissioner Kokkelenberg	Abstain
Commissioner Westmiller	Aye

Vote: In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstain 1

Carried:

July 19, 2016
(Date)

Sharon Gaden, Secretary
Danby Fire District