

Claryville Fire District

Draft Minutes from February 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:34 pm on February 1, 2022 at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

Present: Chairman/Commissioner Dan Forger; Commissioners: Dave White, Andy Kremer, and Tom Matthews.

Representing the Fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg, Gary Frear, Luis Fassi, Nick Rivenberg - (jr. member), Tracy Hulse, and Mike Schiffer.

Public: David Bodenstein

Insurance:

David Bodenstein, Insurance Agent from Mike Preis Inc. Insurance Agency, explained the 2022 Insurance Proposal and identified the main insurance coverages. There were many questions that were answered by David which led to further discussions of the coverages. The District Commissioners decided to increase the Physical Damage Coverage for # 6531, #6561, #6532, #6551. After all questions had been answered, David left the meeting and the main meeting continued.

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Dave. None Opposed.

The Treasurer's Report for Jan 31, 2022 was read and approved Upon Motion by Andy, Seconded by Tom. None Opposed.

An emergency purchase of straps was approved Upon Motion by Dave and Seconded by Andy. None Opposed.

Communications and Bills: Dan received an email requesting a donation from the Forestburgh Fire Department after the death of their Assistant Chief. The request was denied because the District cannot make a donation. The Claryville Fire Department can make a donation. This continued a discussion about creating a CFD Life Insurance Reserve Fund for CFD members. Dan will check this out with the District lawyer.

The following Bills were approved for payment Upon Motion by Dave, Seconded by Andy. None Opposed.

Feb	333.00	personnel	treas	#4405	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
Feb	167.00	personnel	sec	#4406	Anne-Marie Kremer
Feb	1,000.00	building	rent	#4408	Claryville FD
Feb	169.56	util	telephone & internet	#4407	Spectrum / Charter Communications
Feb	84.16	util	telephone	#4409	Verizon
Feb	1,091.74	util	elec	#4410	CHUD
Feb	30.25	contract	office supplies	#4411	Paul Metzger / Staples
Feb	8,354.30	worker comp	worker comp	#4412	Ulster County
Feb	600.00	building	snow removal	#4413	Sheeley Oil Excavating Inc.
Feb	2,041.92	util	fuel oil	#4413	Sheeley Oil Excavating Inc.
Feb	7.53	contract	postage	#4414	Anne-Marie Kremer
Feb	315.00	FF exp	Compressor Serv	#4415	Haight Fire Equipment

Fire Chief's Report:

No Calls in January

Drills improving because of working with wrecked cars. Saturday's drill will be an all-day drill involving stabilizing a car, using the air bags and hydraulic cutting tools.

Committee Reports:

Sign Committee: Instead of the Companies submitting a group grant proposal, each Company is required to submit a grant proposal individually to fund the new signs. Fee won't change for individual filing. The Company will own the sign. The District is paying the grant writer out of training expenses.

Old Business:

Paul presented a schedule of Drills for Recruitment and Retention purposes that would cover a different topic for each quarter:

- MVA – the last 2 drills focused on MVA
- Wildland firefighting
- Structural firefighting
- Moving water/operating pumps; using equipment

New Business: Dave Bodenstein, Insurance Agent from Mike Preis Inc. Insurance Agency, explained the coverages in the 2022 Insurance Proposal. The District Commissioners decided to increase the Physical Damage Coverage for #6531, #6561, #6532, #6551. The Commissioners accepted the Insurance Proposal as modified. The 2022 proposal is on file.

A verbal altercation at a drill resulted in a discussion among Commissioners and FD members about how to effectively resolve disputes among members. The following points were discussed:

- Plan as a group ahead of time how to do things during a drill.
- Collectively resolve conflicts before they escalate.
- Follow a chain of command to resolve conflicts. The Chief is in charge and his direction must be followed, unless considered dangerous or seriously unsafe. Should that be the case, the firefighter must immediately inform the Chief, not just other firefighters, of his concerns.
- The District has a policy for reporting incidents, which include incidents like verbal altercations. Firefighters and Chiefs should be familiar with this policy and use it when appropriate.
- Should any firefighter have concerns about the discipline of other firefighters, they should bring their concerns to the Chief. Should the Chief feel that the firefighter needs disciplinary action, the Chief should contact the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and agree on an appropriate disciplinary action. All disciplinary actions are subject to review by the full Board of Commissioners.

Comments from the Public: None

Adjournment: Upon Motion by Dave, Seconded by Andy at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary