

Claryville Fire District

January 10, 2023

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District was called to order at 7:01 pm, January 10, 2023 at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

**Present:** Chairman/Commissioner Dave White, Tom Matthews, Mike Schiffer, Andy Kremer, and Terry MacNamara.

**Representing the Fire Department:** Glenn VanDenBerg

**Public:** None

Minutes of the December 6, 2022 were read and approved as amended Upon Motion by Mike, Seconded by Andy, None Opposed.

The Treasurer's Report for December 6, 2022 were read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Terry, None Opposed.

A Motion was made by Mike and Seconded by Tom, None Opposed to research and then invest an amount up to \$100,00.00 from Capital Reserves.

**Communication and Bills:** The following Bills were approved for payment Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Terry, None Opposed.

Jan	333.00	personnel	treas	4555	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
Jan	167.00	personnel	sec	4556	Anne-Marie Kremer
Jan	1,000.00	building	rent	4557	Claryville FD
Jan	169.97	util	telephone & internet	4558	Spectrum / Charter Communications
Jan	85.25	util	telephone	4559	Verizon
Jan	849.08	util	elec	4560	CHUD
Jan	561.60	building	snow removal	4561	Sheeley Oil Excavating
Jan	2,117.88	building	fuel oil	4573	Earl D. Sheeley & Sons
Jan	-	void	void	4562	
Jan	350.00	contract	lega/audit	4563	Young, Genton, Kelsey & Brown
Jan	7,970.33	work comp	ulster co	4564	Ulster County
Jan	74.00	contract	postage	4565	USPS
Jan	75.00	personnel	election clerk	4566	Anne-Marie Kremer
Jan	97.50	travel	mileage	4567	Gary Frear
Jan	138.63	travel	mileage	4568	Paul Metzger
Jan	175.63	travel	mileage	4570	Glenn Vandenberg
Jan	3,514.00	insurance	fire fighter	4569	McNeil & Co
Jan	750.00	building	other	4571	Ross Elec
Jan	117.00	travel	mileage	4572	Tom Matthews

**Fire Chief's Report:**

Fire Calls since last meeting:

12/8/22 - 16:52 MVA car into pole Round Pond Rd. , 6503, 6505, 6551, 6561; 6 members.

The Department had a total of 40 calls for 2022.

Results of Fire Department Elections:

Chief: Glenn VanDenBerg

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief: Gary Frear

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief: Paul Metzger

Fire Police Captain: Tom Matthews

All other Officers will be appointed by the Chief.

The new Chiefs from Grahamsville will be meeting with the Claryville Chiefs February 1, at 6:00 pm, to discuss working together.

A Motion was made by Terry to approve the Officers, Seconded by Andy, None Opposed.

**Committee Reports:** Glenn and Tom went to the Polaris Dealer to prepare materials for the Board to consider purchase of a new track vehicle for rescue purposes. This would require a 30-day referendum.

Tom presented arguments in favor of the need for a track vehicle including the Keriland development on Blue Hill and snow-covered trails in winter that make winter rescues difficult.

Some Board members raised counter arguments that questioned the expenditure:

Able-bodied people need to be trained for extraction.

Contact the DEP and find out what equipment they already have and what their needs are.

Research purchase of a wheeled litter – a common form of extraction, not expensive.

Consider other expenditure priorities.

Tom withdrew the Motion for the purchase of the ATV and is on the record stating that the vehicle is necessary for winter rescues.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

The following 2023 Resolution on Spending Appropriations is approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

\$546.00 increase to A3410.1 – Personnel Service. Monies from the A3410.4-Contractual Expenses to cover Election Chairman expenses that are not fully covered in the 2023 Budget. Dave made the Motion to adopt, Seconded by Andy, None Opposed.

ISO rating went down, so fire insurance rates for the District will increase.

**Comments from the Public:** None

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Terry, None Opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary