

Claryville Fire District

Draft Minutes of March 7, 2023

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District was called to order at 6:37 pm, March 7, 2023, at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

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

Representing the Fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg

Public: Brian from Ulster County Self Insurance.

Minutes of the Feb. 7, 2023 meeting were read an approved Upon Motion by Mike, Seconded by Tom, None Opposed.

The **Treasurer's Report** for Feb. 7, 2023 was read and approved Upon Motion by Mike, Seconded by Dave, None Opposed.

Communications and Bills: The following Bills were approved for payment Upon Motion by Mike, Seconded by Dave, None Opposed.

333.00	personnel	treas	4587	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
200.00	personnel	sec	4588	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,500.00	building	rent	4589	Claryville FD
169.98	util	telephone & internet	4591	Spectrum / Charter Communications
86.06	util	telephone	4590	Verizon
1,130.92	util	elec	4592	CHUD
95.00	contract	notices	4593	Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman
1,300.96	fire equipt	repair/maint	4594	Truck Pro
1,207.45	equipt	misc equipt	4595	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
200.00	equipt	light bar/radio	4596	KJBL Electronics
120.00	building	snow removal	4597	Sheeley Oil Excavating
482.50	building	snow removal	4597	Sheeley Oil Excavating
170.00	building	snow removal	4597	Sheeley Oil Excavating
420.00	building	snow removal	4597	Sheeley Oil Excavating
337.99	equipt	misc equipt	4598	Claryville Fire Department
103.00	FF exp	training/cty mtgs	4598	Claryville Fire Department
65.40	FF exp	training/cty mtgs	4598	Claryville Fire Department
95.54	equipt	misc equipt	4598	Claryville Fire Department
652.56	fire equipt	repair/maint	4598	Claryville Fire Department
94.32	travel	mileage	4599	Lusi Fassi
115.28	travel	mileage	4600	Said Drissate

Fire Chief's Report:

NYSAFD – Hot Bill List Letter of support for tax relief for firefighters – Andy made the Motion, Seconded by Tom to send a letter expressing support. None Opposed.

No fire calls since last meeting.

Grahamsville FD and Neversink FD are not interested in working with the Claryville Fire Department.

We have 2 new members attending drills and geared up.

Mike Schiffer and Andy Kremer have started the BEFO class.

Committee Reports:

Capital Plan and Truck Committee: Tom has been working on the inventory which needs to be updated and maintained. Inventory can be worked on in segments at District meetings. Need to identify the priorities for vehicle replacement and make a schedule.

Discuss UTV purchase in committee.

Old Business:

Department is not interested in purchasing a drone after conferring with the Big Indian Fire District. Not a useful tool.

New Business: A Motion was made by Mike, Seconded by Dave to change wording in *Reimbursement Policy for Chiefs' Personal Vehicle Use*. It will include "other approved personnel" for mileage reimbursement. See updated policy.

Brian from Ulster County Self Insurance discussed the pros and cons of withdrawal from the insurance pool. The following points were discussed:

Withdrawal fee in 2022 was \$11,000.00. A resolution to withdraw must be passed prior to July 1, 2023.

Premiums are based on the tax base. (CFD premium \$7,900.00)

Claryville Fire District is averaged into the entire pool of 30 communities who make up the insureds.

We are covered if something happens in Sullivan County but the premium is based on Ulster County Tax base.

Ulster County Self Insurance can negotiate claims.

Other insurance companies may initially have a lower rate, but with an incident the rate has the potential to greatly increase.

The rate with Ulster County Self Insurance stays the same.

Comments from the Public: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/ Secretary