

Claryville Fire District

Draft Minutes August 1, 2023

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fired Commissioners of the Claryville Fired District was called to order at 6:30 pm, August 1, 2023, at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

**Present:** Chairman/Commissioner Dave White, Commissioners Andy Kremer, Terry McNamara, and Tom Matthews.

**Representing the Fire Department:** Chief Glenn VanDenBerg

**Public:** None

Minutes of the July 11, 2023, Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Dave, Seconded by Tom. None Opposed.

The Treasurer’s Report for July 11, 2023, was read and approved Upon Motion by Dave, Seconded by Tom. None Opposed.

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

333.00	personnel	treas	4658	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger			July Comp
-	personnel	sec	4659	Anne-Marie Kremer			STOP PAYMENT ON CHECK. 8/10/23. Lost check
1,500.00	building	rent	4660	Claryville FD			Aug Rent
169.44	util	telephone & internet	4661	Spectrum / Charter Communications			srv: 7/26 - 8/27
87.09	util	telephone	4662	Verizon			srv: 7/19-8/18
440.29	util	elec	4663	CHUD			srv: 6/16 - 7/16
664.67	util	LPG	4664	Rez-Bear Energy			332.50 Gals
3,822.00	FF exp	physicals/fit test	4665	TEK Medical Expenses	7/27/23	12631	22 Physicals. \$400 for M. Boneck
-	void	void	4666	VOID			VOID
200.00	personnel	sec	4667	Anne-Marie Kremer			July Comp. Replacement for check 4659, that was lost

**Fire Chief’s Report:**

Fire Calls since last meeting:

Sunday, 6/25 into Monday, 6/26 - trees and wires down Frost Valley Rd. 22:39; 6501, 6503, 6551, 4 members.

Tuesday, 6/27 – Unintentional alarm set off by Control; 2:39.

Tuesday, 7/ 4 – Unintentional alram set off by Control, 19:30.

Saturday, 7/8 – unintentional alram set off by Control, 10:00.

Sunday, 7/9 – car fire, Frost Valley YMCA, 16:37; 6503, 6505, 6531, 6561, 6551; 11 members.

Monday, 7/10 – trees and wires down Frost Valley Rd., 00:01; 6503, 6551; 3 members.

Thursday, 7/27 – activated alarm set off by steam, Blue Hill Lodge; 6501, 6561; 8 members.

Monday, 7/31 – animal rescue, 34 Apple Creek Rd., 18:57; 6501, 6502, 6503, 6551, 6561; 12 members.

Weather has been good and doing drafting and driving drills.

Three members took pump ops class: Dave, Jenny, Lou.

Department had a new propane furnace installed in the Truck House. This replaced the old oil-powered furnace that had a cracked fire box and wouldn't pass State inspection.

The Department will be installing electric garage door openers on three doors in August.

22 members took the OSHA physicals and all passed.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Old Business:**

Price for fuel is good, so leave everything as is.

SOP review has been split into 3 parts. When the review is completed, the Committee, they will meet in September.

Webinar is available to learn about FEMA grants.

Need to start the process to repair or replace the pipe near the bridge for use as a drafting site.

Various engineering issues need to be addressed. For example, the water freezes in the standpipe during winter.

Applying for grant money for building standpipes for drafting could be done in multiple locations.

A grant writer could be hired to write grants in the name of the Department.

Part A: Look at a grant for drafting project.

Part B: Is there a quick fix that we can do ourselves?

**New Business:**

The following Resolutions on spending appropriations not subject to permissive referendum were approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

Appropriation of \$1500 to account A3410.2 – Equipment. The \$1,500 are funds received from the NYS DEC 2022 Forestry Grant. The Motion was made by Dave and Seconded by Tom. All voted in favor of the Resolution.

Appropriation of \$5,732 to account A3410.4 – Contractual Expenses. Transfer of this amount from Equipment Repair Reserves to cover expenses for repairs to the DEF system on 65-32. The Motion was made by Tom and Seconded by Terry. All voted in favor of the Resolution.

Andy spoke about NYClass – a financial Services company that has high yield accounts with liquidity. Are they insured and how are they rated? NYClass invests in T-Bills, high-yield bonds, fixed-income securities. The suggestion made was to take all Money Market Reserves and invest in NYClass. This is worth exploring. Need references from other Districts who are using NYClass.

**Comments from the Public:** None

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm Upon Motion by Terry, Seconded by Dave. None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary