

Claryville Fire District

Draft Minutes October 17, 2023

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District was called to order at 7:05 pm, on October 17, 2023, at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

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

Representing the Fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg.

Public: None

Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Mike, Seconded by Dave. None Opposed.

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

Communication and Bills: The following Bills were read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Dave. None Opposed.

Communications:

1. Letter from Terry McNamara resigning his position as Commissioner due to work and life changes.
2. DEC Forestry Grant Letter - after discussion was decided not pursue this now.

Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Calls since last Meeting:

9/8/2023; 8:50 am Tree and wires down 378 Red Hill Knolls Rd; 6501,6505,6551; 7 members.

Fairly good attendance at drills when not raining.

Veteran's Day Parade Woodbourne, Nov. 4.

Annual Dinner Nov. 4, 6 pm.

Sexual harassment and blood borne pathogens classes have been completed.

Mike VanDenBerg received his CPR certification.

Old Business:

Foundation for new sign by end of October; demo old sign; new sign due the second week of November.

Tanker Tractor: Half completed. When completed company will need to drill with it.

Fire extinguisher cost is around \$65.00 for a 10 pound extinguisher. This is for members in good standing instead of a jacket. Good standing means having met the required number of drills. Needs to be budgeted for 2025.

New Business:

A resolution naming two election clerks, Paul Metzger, and Edith Chewiwi and chairman, Anne-Marie Kremer for the 2023 election with compensation set at \$75.00 each, was passed Upon Motion by Dave, Seconded by Mike. None Opposed.

Paul got a quote on 5" flexible hose at \$825.00 each. Should both sets be replaced? Have had multiple problems with existing hoses despite multiple repairs. Paul will follow up. Money will have to come out of reserves.

General discussion about leadership roles in Department. If Paul were to become Car 1, this would not affect his ability to act as Treasurer for the Fire District.

Discussed Terms of Office for Commissioners:

Dave: 2018 – 2023

Tom: 2023 – 2027

Mike: 2023 – 2026

Terry: 2019 – 2024

Andy: 2020 – 2025 (?)

**Comments from the Public:** None

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm Upon Motion by Mike, Seconded by Dave. None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary