

Claryville Fire District
Draft Minutes August 7, 2024

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District was called to order at 6:30pm, on August 7, 2024 at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

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

Representing the Fire Department: Chief Paul Metzger, Assistant Chief Glenn VanDenBerg and Mike VanDenBerg.

Public: None

Minutes of the July 2, 2024, Meeting were read and approved upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Andy, None Opposed.

The Treasurer’s Report for July 2, 2024, was read and approved Upon Motion by Andy, Seconded by Mike, None Opposed.

Draft Budget read and discussed.

Communication and Bills: The following Bills were approved for payment Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Andy.

333.00	personnel	treas	4839	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
200.00	personnel	sec	4840	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,500.00	building	rent	4841	Claryville FD
156.94	util	telephone & internet	4842	Spectum / Charter Communications
89.41	util	telephone	4843	Verizon
497.11	util	elec	4844	CHUD
71.98	equipt	misc supplies	4845	Advance Auto Parts
45.10	contract	printing	4846	Liberty Press
370.00	fire equipt	SCBA Service	4847	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
390.00	fire fight	physicals/fit test	4847	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
89.95	contract	other	4848	Any Make Any Model Car Club
15.11	equipt	misc	4849	Claryville Fire Department
31.09	FF exp	training/cty meet	4849	Claryville Fire Department
392.75	FF exp	training/cty meet	4849	Claryville Fire Department
50.00	contract	assoc fees	4850	Ulster County Fire Chiefs Association

Communications: New radio tower going up for police, radio, DEP, DEC, cell service on Red Hill, Frost Valley, and Wildcat.

Sullivan County is aware of dispatch problems in Claryville.

Fire Chief’s Report:

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- Calls – 4 Calls in July
 - Wire Down. 6 members,

- FV Fireworks. 5 members, 32 and 51
- Clear tree from road: 8 members,
- LZ setup at FV. Call Canceled. 6 members
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- 31 is still at TruckPro
- Drills in July
 - 7 drills in July. Focus on Drafting
- Training
 - Dates for BPVR class at Neversink has been announced
- Other
 - “Area Road Map” pads are completed
 - Completed Dept Physicals on 7/22. 17 members. 6 members did Fit Tests (Andy K, and John C. did not do fit tests). 9 Members did not complete physicals
 - We had a problem with suction hoses on 32. All the fitting collars were loose. Problem was diagnosed and remediated
 - Polo shirts are underway

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

Consolidation: Objective is to save taxpayer money,

- Create a larger District entity
- Merge with other District(s)
- Make borderline adjustments

Forest Reserve money – payment not given to Fire District and was kept by Town of Denning. Denning and Ulster County to reallocate the money. Review at next Meeting.

Problem with Frost Valley truck #11- There are a lot of mice in the FV substation. Need to send a letter to FV to repair the truck house and get rid of the mice. Dave will craft a letter to FV.

Prestige Towing - plaque created by Tom, and a letter has been written by Paul to show appreciation for towing services.

Zoom participants may not vote at a District Meeting – they must attend in person (see attachment).

AED Grant – no news, but contract has been signed and is in progress.

New Business: - Budget is 10% over cap in anticipation of increased costs due to new OSHA regulations going into effect.

Building costs will be voted on at the September Meeting.

Ballot Clerks receive compensation of \$70.00.

Zoom Meeting with Greg and Alyssa from the D’Amato Law group about the procedure to create Capital Reserve Funds.

Internal designation of funds must follow a certain process. Accumulating a lot of money requires a capital plan.

Each fund is dedicated to a specific purpose.

Capital Reserve Funds can only be established by a Mandatory Referendum pursuant to General Municipal Law. This requires a special election to create these accounts.

After the Budget Hearing money cannot be added to a reserve fund.

Spending money from the reserve funds requires a permissive referendum

Tom made the Resolution to create Capital Reserve Funds, Andy seconded. None Opposed. These funds will be voted upon by the public at a special election on September 17, 2024.

Adjournment at 8:33pm, Upon Motion by Andy, Seconded by Mike. None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary