

Claryville Fire District

Minutes of April 1, 2025

The regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District was called to order at 6:33 pm on April 1, 2025, at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

Present: Dave White, acting Chairman, Commissioners Tom Matthews, and Andy Kremer.

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

Public: Mike VanDenBerg

Minutes for the March 4, 2025, were read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Dave. None Opposed.

The Treasurer’s Report for March 2025 was read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Dave, None Opposed.

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

District is getting a refund from “I am Responding”. Andy will ratify signature on Bills.

500.00	personnel	treas	4970	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
300.00	personnel	sec	4971	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,800.00	building	rent	4972	Claryville FD
166.95	util	telephone & internet	4981	Spectrum / Charter Communications
89.97	util	telephone	4974	Verizon
1,014.88	util	elec	4975	CHUD
370.00	fire equipt	SCBA Service	4976	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
1,279.00	equipt	misc equipt	4976	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
15.99	equipt	misc supplies	4977	Advance Auto Parts
311.91	fire equipt	repair/maint	4978	Countryside Polaris
342.03	util	fuel oil/lpg	4979	Rez-Bear Energy
87.00	contract	notices	4980	Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman
138.56	equipt	misc equipt	4982	Claryville Vol. Fire Dept.
40.46	equipt	misc supplies	4983	Advance Auto Parts
204.75	travel	travel	4984	Mike Schiffer
141.12	travel	travel	4985	Paul Metzger
40.00	contract	assoc fees	4986	Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Assoc
130.85	fire equipt	repair/maint	4987	John H. Eschenberg Inc.
90.00	equipt	misc supplies	4988	Gemini GraphX
219.80	travel	travel	4989	Glenn Vandenberg

Fire Chief's Report

April 2025 Report

6 Calls in March

- 3/7 – 2 Wire Down calls, 7 and 3 members
- 3/10 – Gas Odor in house – 7 members
- 3/18 – Trauma / Hiker rescue 8 members, 65-63/UTV, DEC rangers
- 3/22 – Lost Hiker, false SOS call, 8 members, DEC ranges
- 3/22 – Wire Down, 65-61, 5 members

Drills/Training - 5 Drills

- Equipment checks and Maintenance
- Ropes Rescue part 1
- UTV Wheel Change
- Ground Ladders
- Thermal Imager and CO meter

Other

- Mike V. Prep equipment for Wildland fire
- Public Service event at Tri-valley: Girls Basketball send off
- Tommy has made a lot of enhancements to apparatus

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

Commissioner Search – looking for candidates. Andy will reach out to potential candidates. Board needs to appoint someone at the May Meeting.

Paul reached out to Sheeley about plowing by second bridge – not necessary.

May need to extend permit for drafting.

Need to get an estimate from Sheeley for drafting standpipe. Tom or Glenn will get quotes.

New Business:

Brian Evans, Haley Evans, and Hunter Porter have failed to meet the requirements to maintain active firefighter status. According to the Bylaws this results in a resignation from the Fire Department. Tom made the Motion to terminate their participation as active firefighters, Seconded by Dave. None Opposed. Dave will write a formal letter to this effect.

Tom reported on the Fire Chiefs Association plan to adopt a map system similar to the one the Claryville Fire Department uses to direct people when there are detours during mutual aid calls.

Another proposal is to treat the Fire Police vehicle like the Chief's vehicle.

The County has appointed a new Fire Safety Coordinator for Special Ops which will not be affiliated with any particular Company.

Fire Police should be considered as Special Ops.

In addition to Fly Cars, the County is going to purchase two ambulances.

Paul is interested in the Claryville Fire Department being on the Search and Rescue Team. This discussion will continue at the May Meeting.

Comments from the Public: None

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm Upon Motion by Dave, Seconded by Tom. None Opposed.