

Claryville Fire District

Minutes of August 5, 2025

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District was called to order at 6:30 pm on August 5, 2025, at the Claryville Fire department Warren Cole Hall.

Present: Chairman Mike Schiffer, Mike VanDenBerg, Andy Kremer and Tom Matthews.

Representing the Fire Department: Chief Paul Metzger, 2nd Assistant Chief Glen VanDenBerg.

Public: Bill Leudemann

Minutes of the July 8, 2025, Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Mike S., Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

The Treasurer's Report for July was read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

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

500.00	personnel	treas	1001	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metz
300.00	personnel	sec	1002	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,800.00	building	rent	1003	Claryville FD
166.95	util	telephone & internet	1004	Spectrum / Charter Communications
92.22	util	telephone	1005	Verizon
678.44	util	elec	1006	Central Hudson
189.00	travel	travel	1007	Andy Kremer
1,214.00	fire equipt	gas/diesel	1008	Earl D. Sheeley & Sons
140.93	util	lpg	1009	Rez-Bear Energy
3,900.00	equipt	hoses	1010	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
370.00	fire equipt	SCBA Service	1010	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
520.00	FF exp	physicals/fit test	1010	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
(21.95)	equipt	turnout gear	1011	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
975.00	equipt	hoses	1011	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
2,912.00	FF exp	physicals/fit test	1012	TEK Medical Services

Fire Chief's Report:

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5 Calls in July

- Gas Odor. Round Pond. 65-2, 65-3, 65-61. 10 members
- FV LZ. 65-2,3,5,61. 8 members
- FV LZ. 65-1, 2, 5, 31, 61. 7 Members
- FV LZ. Canceled en-route. 65-1, 3, 5, 31. 7 Members
- EMS Lift Assist. 65-1, 3, 4, 61. 11 Members

Drills/Training/Public Service - 8 Drills

- Equip. Checks
- Pack new hose/equip service
- OSHA Physicals
- Truck Wash
- Ulster County Parade

PS Calls

- FV Fireworks
- Tent Setup @ Sheeleys'
- Ulster Co. Parade

Other

- Sullivan County Parade coming up Sept 6.
- Continued progress on SOP and policies

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

- Letter sent to Hunter Porter, Brian Evans and Gary Freer asking them to return turnout gear.
- Sign at substation – Tom got a quote from one company for a General Maltese Cross and re-lettering for the Frost Valley substation. The Fire Company will pay for this.
- Door Opener – Company will cover this cost.
- Metal will be removed from the front of the building.

- Would like to eventually renovate the entire building

New Business:

Chief Paul Metzger proposes purchasing some Class A uniforms in order for the Department to look more presentable at public events. The current uniforms don't present a positive public image. These uniforms would be available based on general participation, time served in the Department and number of drills attended. The suggestion is for 6 uniforms. This will be explored further.

Ratification of Resolution of a change to appropriations approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners April 1, 2025 subject to a permissive referendum. \$7,275.00 appropriation to increase A3410.2- Equipment, from 878 Capital Reserve (Equipment) to cover 2025 cost of 8 SCBA tanks. Upon Motion by Mike V., Seconded by Tom, None Opposed.

A Resolution to appropriate \$4,875.00 from 878 Capital Reserve (Equipment Reserve) to A3410.2 – Equipment, to cover the 2025 hose replacement expenses. Subject to a permissive referendum. Motion to approve made by Tom, Seconded by Mike. None Opposed.

Selection of truck maintenance service provider: Bill Leudemann's proposal is the best proposal out of 4 proposals studied. A Motion was made by Andy, Seconded by Mike V. to accept Bill Leudemann's proposal as the Truck Service Provider for a three-year term. None Opposed.

Dot Inspection is not required but is recommended and is a nominal expense.

Budget Proposal: Discussed Budget and adjusted various items.

Policy Review:

#6 – some slight corrections.

#7 – Omit numbers 4 and 5.

#8 – Change Catskill Hudson Bank to Hudson Valley Credit Union

Strike "maximum amount," don't exceed uninsured limit.

#9 - Revised methods of competition to be used for non-bid procurement; check state law – tabled until discussed with lawyer.

Revisions approved Upon Motion by Andy, Seconded by Mike S.

Comments from Public: Bill Leudemann thanks the Board for the contract.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm Upon Motion by Mike V., Seconded by Mike S. None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Mare Kremer/Secretary