

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 16, 2019

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 at the Town Hall. Those present were Chairwoman Susan Rifenburgh, Commissioner Ronald Miller, Commissioner Raymond Bauer and Commissioner Ronald Rifenburgh. Others present were Chief Lloyd Kukon, 2nd Assistant Chief Evan Decker, Captain Les Coon, FF Joseph Scott, Denise Fiore, Robert Desmond and Mark Hildenbrand.

Chairwoman Rifenburgh opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and introduced Mark Hildenbrand to speak about the FLIR thermal camera. He showed the mid-priced K53 model at \$5300.00 with camera, two batteries, charger and lanyard. There is also a lower priced camera with less clarity and no picture storage for \$3295. There is also a mid-range priced for \$4500. The cameras carry a 5-year warranty and 2 years on the batteries. Commissioner Rifenburgh asked Mark if he could get the lower priced model and if he could bring it in so he can see the clarity of the camera. He can ask but cannot promise. The Commissioners thanked him for coming in.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Miller. All in favor. So carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

December 16, 2019 Fire Commissioners' Treasurer's Report

RE: November 2019

Total Amount of November 2019 Invoices Paid	\$ 3,288.37
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Re: December 2019

Proposed December 2019 Invoices	\$ 4,424.10
Paid December 2019 Invoices	2,569.88
Total	\$ 6,993.98

Reconciliation of Accounts

The Bank of Greene County Balances to Date

Money Market Checking Balance*	\$ 85,486.88
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*Includes interest paid on 11/30/19 in the amount of \$10.90

Checking Balance	5,667.95
Less Outstanding Checks	2,465.08
Checking Balance to Date	3,202.87

Money Market & Checking A/C Total	\$ 88,689.75
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Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Equipment \$ 29,728.61 (as of 12/31/18)

Interest 12/31/18 – 1/31/19	\$ 3.78
Interest 1/31/19 – 2/28/19	3.42
Interest 2/28/19 – 3/31/19	3.79
Interest 3/31/19 – 4/30/19	3.66
Interest 4/30/19 – 5/31/19	3.79
Interest 5/31/19 – 6/30/19	3.67
Interest 6/30/19 – 7/31/19	4.63

Deposit 7/15/19 unexpended 2018 balance \$ 12,000.00

Interest 7/31/19 – 8/31/19	5.32
Interest 8/31/19 – 9/30/19	5.15
Interest 9/30/19 – 10/31/19	5.32
Interest 10/31/19 – 11/30/19	5.15

Total \$ 41,776.29

Capital Reserve Fund for Constr. &Improvement: \$ 33,666.86 (as of 12/31/18)

Interest 12/31/18 – 1/31/19	\$ 4.29
Interest 1/31/19 – 2/28/19	3.87
Interest 2/28/19 – 3/31/19	4.29
Interest 3/31/19 – 4/30/19	4.15
Interest 4/30/19 – 5/31/19	4.29
Interest 5/31/19 – 6/30/19	4.15
Interest 6/30/19 – 7/31/19	4.29
Interest 7/31/19 – 8/31/19	4.29
Interest 8/31/19 – 9/30/19	4.15
Interest 9/30/19 – 10/31/19	4.29
Interest 10/31/19 – 11/30/19	4.15

Total \$ 33,713.07

Denise Fiore, Treasurer
December 16, 2019

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s report by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RBC Wealth Management account statement for November \$413994.82
- Association of Fire District newsletter for December-January.
- Fire Commissioners training at various locations by Butler & Hannigan
- LOSAP Data Request package for 2019.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Commissioner Bauer

- Commissioner Bauer contacted Amerigas about the regulator on the generator which doesn't seem to be working.

INSURANCE: Commissioners R. Rifenburg and Miller

No Report

FIRE EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Bauer and R. Rifenburg

- Light on cab of 6013 is fixed.
- The radio that was not scanning has been fixed.
- The light on 6010 has been fixed.
- The new truck is on line. Any numbering on the new truck has to be 6035 because of the mutual aid agreement. Treasurer Fiore reported that the budget had to be corrected because of the truck reserve. It did not affect the overall budget figures.

LOSAP:

- Chairwoman Rifenburg will work on this. There are three members who may qualify in the Defined Benefit Plan effective 1/1/20. They are Thomas O'Connell, Christopher Farewell and Evan Tompkins.
- Treasurer Fiore also received a check from PIMCO for \$40.67 that was proceeds from an investment which she put back in the RBC account.

LAWS AND POLICIES:

- Discussed the OSHA Class and Sexual Harassment Training. The ladies auxiliary would also have to do this training when it is decided when it will be held.

LEGAL:

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Commissioners reviewed the Mutual Aid Agreement from Columbia County Fire Coordinators office. The Commissioners voted on the resolutions suggested by the County as follows:
Resolution #23 – To participate in the Columbia County Fire Mutual Aid Plan, motion made by Commissioner Ronald Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Miller. All in favor. So carried.
Resolution #24 – Resolution by the Municipality or Fire District body having jurisdiction over the Fire Company or Fire Department, motion made by Commissioner Ronald Miller, seconded by Commissioner Raymond Bauer. All in favor. So carried.
- Hydrotest: Five bottles were sent out to be tested but have not received any back yet. There are 18 and will send five at a time.
- The winch cover has not been purchased that was authorized to be purchased last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CHIEFS REPORT:

There were five calls in November as follows:

- 11/3/19 – Trash can fire – 664 County Route 6
- 11/5/19 – Mutual aid to Livingston – 67 Pinewood Road
- 11/6/19 – Alarm activation – 62 Massello Road (Livingston coverage area)
- 11/11/19 – AAPD – County Route 8/Mill Road
- 11/13/19 – Mutual Aid (Livingston) – 138 Deerhaven Road

Monthly Drill/Work Details

11/24/19 – Stop the Bleed – Livingston Firehouse

11/25/19 – Cemetery Road Hydrant

First Assistant Chief Brown has taken the extrication class. The Chief was not aware that he didn't have it when he became Assistant Chief.

Rescue Tool has not been serviced and has not been serviced since 2018 but should do this every year. Lloyd will check into it with Garrison.

The Fire Department Officers in the recent election are Chief Lloyd Kukon, First Assistant Chief Evan Decker, Second Assistant Chief Colin Brown, First Lieutenant Joseph Scott and Second Lieutenant Samuel Williams.

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the Officers for 2020 by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

This is Commissioner Ronald Rifenburgh's last meeting. His time spent with the Fire District, Fire Company and Firematics has been for the better of 40 years. Commissioner Bauer asked if Ronald could help with the LOSAP but he declined.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election for Commissioners was held on December 10th for two positions. The first for five years and the second for the remaining two-year term of Laurence Saulpaugh who resigned.

Those running were Alfred Sardaro, Laurence Saulpaugh and Joseph Scott. The results were Alfred Sardaro, 18 votes, Joseph Scott, 27 votes and Laurence Saulpaugh, 25 votes. Mr. Scott will fill the five-year term until December 31, 2024 and Mr. Saulpaugh, the two-year term until December 31, 2021.

FUEL REPORT: Commissioner R. Rifenburgh reported that 18.3 gallons of fuel were used.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Miller to pay the bills. All in favor. So carried.

The Treasurer will post an ad seeking applicants for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary for the District.

Public Comment:

- Bob Desmond noted that the sign at Station #1 is missing letters.

- Les Coon said that the siren at Station #1 is not working and he found that the pager clip is keeping the pager from charging. The Chief will get a new pager clip for it.
- Assistant Chief Decker is interested in becoming a First Responder and wondered if the District would cover the cost. There was discussion about the cost, insurance coverage and other issues. Chairwoman Rifenburg will look into it with him.
- The Chairwoman is looking into grants for equipment.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. by Commissioner R. Rifenburg, seconded by Chairwoman Rifenburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon, RMC
Fire District Secretary