

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 19, 2018

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Those present were Commissioner Susan Rifenburgh, Commissioner Ronald Rifenburgh, Commissioner Laurence Saulpaugh, Commissioner Ronald Miller and Commissioner Raymond Bauer. Also present was Chief Lloyd Kukon, Captain Les Coon, Evan Decker, Treasurer Denise Fiore and Robert Desmond.

Chairwoman Rifenburgh opened the meeting with the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

Organizational Meeting – January 15, 2018 – Commissioner Rifenburgh and Commissioner Bauer noted corrections on page 1 – Resolution #3 – change nominate to appoint, Resolution #4 – change nominate to appoint, Page 2 – Resolution #8 – change appoint to approve, remove Assistant from 1st Lt. and 2nd Lt. A motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections by Commissioner R. Miller , seconded by Commissioner Saulpaugh. All in favor. So carried.
Regular Meeting – January 15, 2018 – Treasurer Fiore noted a correction on page 2 under Old Business, second bullet to add training after Treasurer’s. Commissioner R. Rifenburgh noted a correction on page 3 – 4th bullet – change truck # from 6014 to #60-34. A motion was made to approve with correction by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Saulpaugh. All in favor. So carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Total of January paid invoices	\$ 5,489.99
Proposed February invoices	\$15,998.80 *
Paid February invoices	\$ 744.39
Total	\$16,743.19 *

*Adjusted deducting \$137.82 for Columbia Tractor.

Reconciliation of Accounts

The Bank of Greene County	
Money Market Checking Balance	\$49,476.69
Checking Balance	\$ 4,215.52
Less Outstanding Checks	\$ 927.42
Checking Balance to Date	\$ 3,288.10
 Money Market & Checking account total	 \$52,764.79
 Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Equipment	 \$29,711.12
 Capital Reserve Fund for Contrs. & Improvement	 \$33,647.04

A motion was made by Commissioner R. Rifenburgh to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Commissioner Miller. All in favor. So carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RBC Wealth Management Account Statement for January \$385,703.24
- Physicals received for six firefighters.
- RBC Wealth Management – Certificate of Investment Powers and Contact List to be signed and returned.
- Association of Fire Districts information for Conference
- Renewal of Accident Policy for Fire Company
- Fire District Affairs Newsletter for February – March 2018
- Doctors note for restriction to light duty until 3/6/18 for Samuel Williams.
- Financial Statement for 2017 from the accountant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Commissioners Bauer and Saulpaugh
The light is fixed on Station #1

INSURANCE: Commissioners R. Rifenburg and Miller
Fingar Insurance Agency will be here next month.

FIRE EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Bauer and Saulpaugh

- VRS will be down on March 9th to do pump service and test.
- Checked front tire on truck 60-13.
- Commissioner Bauer suggested looking for a pressure washer that cleans under the truck.

LOSAP: All Commissioners

- The paperwork is done and must be posted for 30 days at the station. Call sheets must be filled out completely.

LAWS AND POLICIES: All Commissioners

LEGAL: All Commissioners

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Bauer reported that Columbia County 911 is getting District maps for us.
- Commissioner Bauer will be going to Wilton for the Fire Commissioners training.
- Commissioner Miller did check with OSHA and was referred to PESH regulations on Right to Know, and employer's responsibility. A Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement should be written. A motion was made by Commissioner R. Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to accept the Workplace Violence Prevention Statement from website. All in favor. So carried. The other posters will be posted at both firehouses by Chief Kukon. An accident report will be completed for the injury of last year and posted as soon as possible.
- Commissioner R. Rifenburg asked if the siren has come back from the former Chief.

Chief Kukon will check on the control box.

- Captain Coon reported that 12 bunker pants, 10 pairs of boots and 10 jackets are needed. Captain Coon got the price for these \$21451.00. Try to get quotes separately in order to follow the procurement policy.
- Commissioner R.Rifenburgh asked if the Fire Police Captain got what equipment he needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Firefighter Evan Decker said that he got his mask on Ebay and he has been FIT tested with it. These are bought as surplus and sold cheaper. There are also amplifiers which are also cheaper. The cost would be \$55.00 per and also for \$18.00 to \$20.00 you can get a mask bag. The total would be about \$250.00.

We currently have eight on the trucks. There was discussion about how many to buy if buying any at all. Lt. Decker will get prices for the bags.

He also just looked at the pressure washers for under the truck but they are very expensive.

Firefighter Evan Decker was appointed as 2nd Asst. Chief at the department meeting. A motion was made to approve the appointment of Evan Decker as 2nd Assistant Chief by Commissioner Saulpaugh, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

CHIEFS REPORT:

There were six calls for January.

1/8/18 – Backed up furnace – 104 Mill Road – 8 firefighters

1/10/18 – AAPD – 288 Nevis Road – 8 firefighters

1/12/18 – Mutual Aid to Livingston – 121 Estok Road – 14 firefighters

1/16/18 – Alarm activation – Carmelite Sisters – 600 Woods Road – 9 firefighters

1/17/18 – Mutual Aid Stand-by – Tivoli – 5724 Route 9G – 10 firefighters

1/20/18 – Alarm Activation – 651 County Route 6 – 8 firefighters

Monthly Drills:

1/14/18 – Ice Rescue & landing zones

1/22/18 Gear Inspection & SCBA Practice

- The Chief signed up for several courses including extrication and officers school.
- The Chief has talked to the Town Supervisor and Code Enforcement Officer regarding Emergencies.
- The Chief met with a pilot for Life Net and they are looking into holding a drill with them.
- There are state offered courses, one in Schoharie on infrared equipment for \$40.00 and in Athens for \$10.00.

INVENTORY:

- Captain Coon is doing the inventory on the trucks. There was discussion about the gear on the trucks that may not be OSHA approved and if it should be on the trucks if not approved.
- Light bars: LED Outfitters has 3Watt LED's with siren for \$825.00. Would need three of them.

- Two Gear dryer: Haight has a two-gear dryer for \$3525.00, \$410 for shipping. This was brought to a vote at the company meeting but was tabled until next month. The Chief asked if the District would pay part of the cost. It was suggested that they see what the company decides and come back next month.
- There is one more OSHA class and it will be done.
- Discussed physicals and how they are being done.

Commissioner R. Rifenburg brought up that there is no television and no internet at Station #1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Miller to pay the bills, except for the Columbia Tractor invoice for \$137.82. All in favor. So carried.

Discussed use of the exercise facilities at Bard College. Currently there are 5 or 6 are using the facilities. Captain Coon said that the board could reduce it to ten for \$800.00. The Commissioners will look at this before the expiration of the current arrangement in May.

Social Media Policy: It was suggested that we should look at having a social media policy.

Fuel Usage Report: 28.2 gallons used

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bob asked about the Livingston and Milan District and how they are shown on district maps.
- Firefighter Jackie Therrien has indicated that she wants to be inactive. Assistant Chief Decker will get a letter from her and will make sure the gear is returned.
- Discussed the return of gear from Jimmy Connolly who has verbally resigned.
- Outlet at back door keeps burning out lightbulbs.
- The halogen light is out on 6013.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon
Fire District Secretary