

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 18, 2014

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Those in attendance were Chairman Mark Schiller, Commissioner Susan Rifenburgh, Commissioner Laurence Saulpaugh, Commissioner Ronald Rifenburgh and Commissioner Raymond Bauer.

Also present were Chief Fred Gooderham, Treasurer Denise Fiore and Robert Desmond.

Chairman Mark Schiller opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Total amount of July invoices paid	\$ 40,063.46
Proposed August invoices	\$ 1,698.02 * Adjusted
Paid August invoices	\$ 2,118.56
Total	\$ 3,816.58 * Adjusted

Reconciliation of Accounts:

The Bank of Greene County Balances to date:

Money Market Checking balance	\$145,485.41
Checking Balance	\$ 3,404.21
Less outstanding checks	\$ 225.00
Checking Balance to date	\$ 3,179.21
Money Market & Checking Account Total	\$148,664.02
Capital Reserve Fund	\$33,510.92
Reserve Fund Balance	\$29,586.96

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Commissioner Susan Rifenburgh, seconded by Commissioner Saulpaugh. All in favor. So carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RBC Wealth Management for July - \$325,723.25
- Monthly benefit statement for LOSAP for 7/1/14
- Budget Time – must be submitted to the Town Clerk by November 7th. No info about when the public hearing must be held, but it is usually the 2nd or third Tuesday of October.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- Commissioner Bauer has reported that the cement has been poured for the slab for the fuel tank at Station #1, on the south side because the north side would have been too close to the property line. Commissioner Bauer will contact Bob McCarthy for the electric. He would like reflective material to go over the columns.
- Commissioner Bauer reported that the flagpole is ordered for Station #1. There is already electric to the sign.
- Ron Hapeman will install the water softener this week or next at Station #1.

INSURANCE:

No report.

FIRE EQUIPMENT:

No report

LOSAP:

No report

LAWS AND POLICIES:

- PHYSICALS: Letters will go out to three members regarding physicals. They will be placed inactive until they receive the physicals.
- BLOOD BOURNE PATHOGENS: Letters will go out to three members who have not had the BBP course. There was a suggestion that the Chief get a video for them to view, and make it mandatory that they attend or they will be inactive.
- FIRE ALARM LAW: The secretary asked if a form was needed to the Chief to give to the owners who have a fire alarm activation. A four-part form can be ordered from the printer.
- BUDGET WORKSHOP: The budget workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 15, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Chief has not done the ceiling repairs at Station #1.
- Breathing Air Quality test on the breathing air compressor will be done every six months.
- Hover Grant: The Chief has been corresponding with the foundation on the Hover Grant application.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Susan Rifenburg has spoken to Attorney William Young of the Association of Fire Districts regarding a new law which will go into effect in December regarding membership in a volunteer fire departments of those determined to be a registered sex offender. This law only pertains to new applications for membership after December 2014. New applications for membership are sent to the Sheriff's Department for a background check.

- Chairman Schiller received a copy of a Public Employment Law book and newsletters from the Center for Education and Employment Law. The subscription would be \$250.00. A motion was made to cancel the subscription by Commissioner Ronald Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried. Chairman Schiller will cancel.

CHIEFS REPORT:

There were nine calls for July as follows:

- 7/4/14 – AAPI – 1705 Route 9
- 7/5/14 - Smoke investigation – 104 Mill Road
- 7/6/14 – Landing Zone (cancelled) – 3875 Route 9G
- 7/1/14 – Mutual Aid to Tivoli – Standby – Bard College
- 7/16/14 – Pumpout – 411 County Route 6
- 7/23/14 – Mutual aid – Structure fire Red Hook
- 7/24/14 – AAPD – Route 9G and Cemetery Road
- 7/28/14 – Wires down – 874 County Route 6
- 7/28/14 – Wires down – 1122 County Route 6

Drill: 7/28/14 - Auto extrication.

- Truck #603 went to Fire tower for live burn.
- Truck #604 – the truck was not refilled with water and when it went to the tower it was only half full of water. The Chief was told that it was filled after the last use. Discussed the need for the officers to make sure that these things are being checked on the trucks. It was suggested making a plea to the members that everyone should pull together or designate four people per month to check equipment, or have an officers meeting. If the Chief feels that they are not fulfilling their duties, then it could and will jeopardize their points.
- Apparatus Operators Emergency Vehicle Class has only seven signed up but none from Clermont as of yet. Chief will contact several members.
- MES still has booster line.
- Need to get a date with Dick Shakerly to get the trucks serviced.
- VRS is no longer handling Viking fire gear, which we lease. Commissioner R. Rifenburg will check who is now handling.

A motion was made to accept the Chiefs report by Commissioner R. Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner S. Rifenburg.

Commissioner Ronald Rifenburg asked if all had gotten their FIT Test. The Chief said that all those that needed it have been done.

Commissioner Ronald Rifenburg asked if there has been training on Bailout Systems? Some members have the equipment but have not been trained. The Chief has spoken to MES and the Hudson Fire Department but neither has gotten back to him.

The Treasurer added an invoice for \$84.00 to be paid. The new total for the proposed August invoices is \$1,698.02, the new total for the month is \$3,816.58.

A motion was made to approve the change to the Treasurer's report by Commissioner R. Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner Saulpaugh. All in favor. So carried.

Public Comment:
Bob Desmond

There were two new applications for membership in the District. Letters will be sent to Joseph Scott, Jr. and Daniel Pax Farr.
A motion was made to accept them into membership, providing they pass their physicals by Commissioner Ronald Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner Saulpaugh. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Susan Rifenburg at 8:55 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon
Fire District Secretary