

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Those in attendance were Chairwoman Susan Rifenburg, Commissioner Ronald Rifenburg, Commissioner Laurence Saulpaugh, Commissioner Ronald Miller and Commissioner Raymond Bauer. Also present were Fire Chief Lloyd Kukon, Treasurer Denise Fiore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Samuel Williams, Firefighter Josh Williams, Robert Desmond and Peter Fingar of Fingar Insurance who went over the policy with the Commissioners.

Mr. Fingar went over the policy, what is covered, limits of liabilities and replacement costs. He was asked to add the gear dryer, purchased last year, to the policy at a value of \$5200.00. He will also change the replacement cost of the 1987 GMC Step van to \$25,200 and the 1988 International to \$76,000. The premium increased \$300.00 over last year. There were some questions asked which he will look into.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner R. Rifenburg to approve the Organizational meeting of January 21, 2019. All in favor. So carried. A motion was made by Commissioner R. Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2019. All in favor. So carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

February 18, 2019 Fire Commissioners' Treasurer's Report

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**RE: January 2019**

Total Amount of January 2019 Invoices Paid	\$ 3,513.50
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**RE: February 2019**

Proposed February 2019 Invoices	\$ 12,506.05
Paid February 2019 Invoices	2,643.78
Total	\$ 15,149.83

**Reconciliation of Accounts**

The Bank of Greene County Balances to Date

Money Market Checking Balance	\$ 67,691.26*
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\*Includes interest paid on 1/31/19 in the amount of \$8.62

Does not include deposit \$164,377.00 made on 2/15/2019

Checking Balance	3,851.43
Less Outstanding Checks	2,769.47
Checking Balance to Date	1,081.96

Money Market & Checking A/C Total	\$68,773.22
<b><u>Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Equipment</u></b>	\$29,728.61 (as of 12/31/18)
Interest 12/31/18 – 1/31/19	\$    3.78
Total	\$29,732.39
<b><u>Capital Reserve Fund for Constr. &amp;Improvement:</u></b>	\$33,666.86 (as of 12/31/18)
Interest 12/31/18 – 1/31/19	\$    4.29
Total	\$33,671.15

Denise Fiore, Treasurer  
February 18, 2019

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **PHYSICALS:**  
Received for Les Coon, Thomas O’Connell, Evan Tompkins, Lloyd Kukon and Larry Saulpaugh.
- MacBoston 18 Truck – 2019 Winter Training Seminar to be held in Halfmoon on Residential Fire Sprinkler systems and Post traumatic syndrome.
- RBC Account Statement – January \$379,434.52

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Commissioners Bauer and Saulpaugh

- At last month’s meeting, a request for proposal was put out for cleaning services for Station #1 and the bays at Station#2. A proposal was received from Lloyd Kukon to clean both for \$95.00 per month. A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer to accept the bid, seconded by Commissioner Miller. All in favor. So carried.

**FIRE EQUIPMENT:** Commissioners Bauer and Saulpaugh

- Pager was sent out and it was repaired by Motorola for \$200.00. It will be programmed.
- The Assistant Chief reported that there is a missing radio and several missing microphones. The missing radio was discovered at a drill on January 28 and seem to be swapped out from truck #60-13. Asst. Chief Brown is talking to the state police about it.

**INSURANCE:** Commissioner R. Rifenburgh and Miller  
No Report

LOSAP: All Commissioners

- Original call sheets and original training certificates will be kept for the year together to be used in computing for LOSAP benefits.

LAWS AND POLICIES: All Commissioners

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Treasurer reported that the yearly audit report received an extension due to our accountant having had surgery.
- The check received from the town for payment of taxes has been deposited.
- The Treasurer, Denise Fiore, has decided to sell her home and relocate. She will help a new treasurer that the Commissioners appoint.
- Fuel Oil cost \$2.25 from Main Care Energy at state price.

CHIEFS REPORT:

There were two calls for the month of January:

1/8/19 – Mutual Aid (Livingston) – 16 Major Road – 9 firefighters

1/26/19 – Pump out – 1678 Route 9 – 6 firefighters

Drill:

1/28/19 - Radio Communications – 9 firefighters

- OSHA Class will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief would like to purchase a CO Detector from Fire End for \$315.00. It works on regular batteries and has auto shutoff. Tivoli and Red Hook are using this type.
- There are several members in fire school and later in April will need permission to take a truck to a fire school.
- At this time there is no county mutual aid plan but it is being worked on. They are also working on radio frequencies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saulpaugh, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to approve the Chief to purchase a CO detector from Fire End for \$315.00. All in favor. So carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Josh Williams has his certificates to qualify for the position as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. but he does not have the necessary two years as required. There was an election by the company but at the time Josh did not have the qualifications to take the position. There was someone else also running for the position who did qualify. Commissioner Saulpaugh feels that he did not resign from the membership and was still actively doing things with the company. It was discussed and suggested that this be brought up at the fire company meeting and they hold another election.

The company could waive the requirements of having to be in the district for two years consecutively. The Commissioners feel that he would do a good job but that the company should hold the election over under the circumstances.

Commissioner R. Rifenburg asked to have the minutes reflect that Commissioner Larry Saulpaugh had not apologized for his outburst and language at the previous month's meeting. Commissioner Saulpaugh exchanged words with Commissioner Rifenburg and then wrote his resignation letter and as he left the building, offered his apologies to all.

With the submission of the resignation, a roll call vote was held on whether to accept the resignation submitted by Commissioner Laurence Saulpaugh as follows:

Ronald Rifenburg – yes  
Raymond Bauer – no  
Ronald Miller – no  
Susan Rifenburg – yes

This was not a unanimous vote either aye or nay.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner R. Rifenburg, seconded by Commissioner Miller at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon  
Fire District Secretary