

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS
July 19,2021

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Those in attendance were Chairwoman Susan Rifenburgh, Commissioner Laurence Saulpaugh, Commissioner Raymond Bauer, and Commissioner Ronald Miller.. Others present were Les Coon, Bob Desmond, Secretary Jennifer Flandreau, and Treasurer Brian Fitzgerald.

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

MINUTES: The Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to accept the minutes with changes to the office update and Fire equipment. All in favor. So carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RBC Wealth Management \$428,314.04
- Physicals received - Evan Tomkins and Chris Farewell
- Safety recall - Serial # 74581432 Vehicle # HV607
- Local Comedian offering shows to raise money \$900 per show
- Penflax annual report contribution program - individual participant statements - we owe \$1000 for the year

- Pinsky law offers classes for emergency service members September and November at the Turning Stone Casino.

OPEN DISCUSSION: no discussion

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

The black top job was completed and it looks good

The roof in the firehouse has a small drip.

The town will start mowing the ditch in front of station one from now on.

Chief Brown is throwing old equipment from the shed into the dumpster. Everything in the shed is District property. We do not want him throwing away any District property without approval. We never received inventory of the items. All commissioners agree he should not be throwing things away. The Commissioners will get together and take a look at what is inside the shed and determine if it is garbage or not.

Chief Brown also did not ask the Commissioner's permission to take the Fire truck to Milan in June.

FIRE EQUIPMENT:

Truck 6013- Chief Brown was made aware of the battery issue on Thursday July 8th. Chief Brown load tested the batteries and all three were bad. Commissioner Scott gave him permission to replace them.

By Saturday evening all the batteries were dead. Les Coon, Commissioner Scott, Ron Rifenburgh and Chairwoman Rifenburgh spent hours trying to find an open store that carried these batteries. Ron and Susan Rifenburgh drove up to Salem farm supply to see if they had them, but were unable to find the correct size. Chief Brown also came down to the Firehouse Saturday night and replaced and installed the batteries on Sunday.

LOSAP:

Chairwoman Rifenburgh talked to Penflax. The state of emergency ended as of the end of May 2021. Members have been collecting extra points due to the pandemic. Commissioner Miller made a motion to end the extra points as of the last day of May 2021, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

Secretary Flandreau will contact Losap and find out if we need to make another resolution to discontinue the extra points. We will make the resolution next month if needed.

Defined benefit - Chris Farewell and Even Tompkins made their points and are now in the defined benefit program.

LAWS AND POLICIES: All Commissioners

Lloyd Kukon, Larry Saulpaugh and Josh Williams still need physicals. Chief Brown or Les Coon will contact them and let them know they need to schedule their appointment and report back to let us know, otherwise they will have to go inactive.

LEGAL: All Commissioners
No discussion

OLD BUSINESS: All Commissioners
No discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott is trying to find easier ways for people to apply to become a firefighter. Possibly install a drop box at the Firehouse for application to be dropped off securely. Start promoting by leaving messages on the sign out front. "Stop by and get an application".

Table it this month and talk about next month.

Les was looking for additional money trying to extend the banquet and invite people outside the department as a thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS:

CHIEFS REPORT: There were seven calls in the month of June.

- 6/3/21- AAPD- Route 9- tractor trailer vs wires- 7FFs- 10.15 man hours
- 6/10/21-AAPI- Route 9- car vs pole- 4FFs- 3.64 man hours
- 6/17/21- Mutual aid- Germantown- Hunterstown rd structure fire- 7 FFs- 7 man hours
- 6/22/21- alarm activation- Devereux foundation- County Route 6- 3FFs- 1.35 man hours
- 6/22/21- alarm activation- Devereux foundation- Scenic Hill Rd- 6FFs- 1.38 man hours
- 6/30/21-AAPD- rollover- Vehicle abandoned- Woods rd- 9FFs- 4.23 man hours
- 6/30/21- Alarm activation- Devereux foundation- Scenic Hill Rd- 8FFs- 1.6 man hours

WORK DETAILS- There were four drills in June.

- 6/21/21 Water supply operations- Tanker to Milan for Mutual Aid Drill- 1FF-3.75 man hours
- 6/23/21- Pump speedlay testing- 3FFs-16.5 man hours
- 6/27/21- Mutual aid drill- Columbia county training center-Clermont, Livingston, Germantown, Milan, and Tivoli- 7FFs- 42 man hours
- 6/28/21- Driver training, apparatus review, station organization- 7 FFs- 21 man hours

Chief Brown began reorganization/cleanout of rear storage shed at station one, will be continuing to work on these as well as framing of the new office through the end of the month as time permits.

Some of these alarm activations were caused by homes needing basements pumped due to flooding. Chief should talk to these homeowners about purchasing sump pumps.

Equipment:

-Waterway hose, ladder and suction testing rescheduled to Friday October 1st 2021- they are behind in scheduling due to the weather.

-60-12 VRS to install new pump packing before the end of July 2021

-60-13 Pump packing replaced by VRS, light tower examined for issues, found to function fine, gearbox for steering replaced. Truck discovered to have smell from batteries and problems starting on July 8, 2021 batteries load tested and found to be bad, all three batteries replaced.

-60-10 leaking hydro fluid from cutters, notified our service dealer- Garrison Fire, cutters repaired, awaiting notification of what was found to be wrong.

-Also replaced the lost push broom.

-60-70 transmission fluid found to be leaking from under the vehicle. Fluid checked and vehicle road tested, transmission fluid possibly overfilled during last service resulting in excess fluid being pushed out vent tube onto floor.

-60-35 VRS to install new bolts to replace broken bolts on rear swivel dump

No new requests for purchases at this time.

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

FUEL REPORT:
gallons used 72.5

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Desmond thanks the Commissioners for their service.
Les Coon "We have had 10.4 inches of rain since July first".

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Flandreau Secretary,
Clermont Fire District