

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS
May 17,2021

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, May 17, 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 Joseph Scott. Others present were Chief Collin Brown, 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 April meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Saulpaugh, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to accept the minutes. All in favor. So carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RBC Wealth management \$429,219.17
- Physicals received

Sam Williams

Les Coon

Richard Larson

- Columbia County recruitment volunteer firefighter committee is seeking donations from fire departments and districts
- Legalize Marijuana and how it affects emergency service organizations training

\$150 per organization

OPEN DISCUSSION:

No discussion

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Commissioner Bauer will get the black top prices this month.

Hot water heater was moved by Dave's, waiting on Bob McCarthy to move electrical wires, then we will start framing the office.

Fire fighters will fix the gap under the main door and rotted sill on the side door to keep the bugs out.

All commissioners agreed.

FIRE EQUIPMENT:

6013 awaiting VRS to schedule trucks to go up to their shop for steering estimate/work and repair packing.

Compressor at station two is still good

Waterway Hose, ladder, and suction testing is scheduled for July 13 2021 at 8:00 A.M. at station two. Quoted at \$2,691.50.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saulpaugh to approve the testing, seconded by Commissioner Scott. All in favor. So carried

6012 Truck has a pump packing issue quote from VRS for \$1,178.32

A motion was made by Commissioner Saulpaugh and seconded by Commissioner Scott to take the truck up to VRS to get fixed. All in favor. So carried.

6035 Warranty work and Nee gauge lights were installed and working well.

VRS does service calls. We should look into having them service the trucks and pump tests at the same time once every other year. We have a quote for a flat rate at \$475.00 to do everything

We need to start scheduling vendors to come show us fire equipment. We have three different vendors as of right now for interior firefighter equipment.

LOSAP:

Commissioner Rifenburgh mentioned all paperwork was sent in.

LAWS AND POLICIES: All Commissioners

No discussion

LEGAL: All Commissioners

No discussion

OLD BUSINESS: All Commissioners

No discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

As per the recruitment letter from Columbia County firefighter recruiting, we will not be sending money in at this time. All commissioners agreed. We could start trying to recruit new fire fighters by putting a recruiting sign up with a phone number to call, take the fire truck for a ride on the weekends and stop and talk to the community. Les Coon and Chief Brown will be putting a recruitment post on the department facebook page. We would like to make membership more appealing. We have to look into basic training. Get new recruits involved first and then see if they want to become interior fighters or fire police. Possibly do in house training at first before they are required to do all of the State approved training.

MISCELLANEOUS:

No discussion.

CHIEFS REPORT: There were six Calls for service in April 2021

- 1. 4/2/21 Indoor Smoke Investigation-1115 County Route 8-5FFS-5.25 Man Hours
- 2. 4/6/21 Battalion Response To Philmont, Tanker And Manpower To Structure Fire 2 FFs-4.75 Man Hours
- 3. 4/6/21 Unusual Odor-574 Lasher Road- 6 FFs-3.18 Man Hours
- 4. 4/6/21 Alarm Activation-156 Moore Rd- 3 FFs-0.33 Man Hours
- 5. 4/13/21 Brush Fire-20 Cedar Hill Rd- 9 FFs-5.25 Man Hours
- 6. 4/17/21 AAPT Rollover- Lasher Rd- 8 FFs-42 ManHours

WORK DETAILS

- Drill - Vehicle extraction - station one 8FFs - 24 man hours
- 4/8/21-Demo old shelves, removed old couch/chairs. Removed old table and prepared new area-8 FFs, 24 Man Hours

Communications:

-Memorial Day Parade, request to take apparatus to the parade.

-Insurance certificates from Dave's Plumbing and Heating for office work, awaiting electricians.

FireEquipment:

- Radios programmed after review of frequencies with Tivoli, picking up from Pittsfield Communications

Interested in VRS servicing all trucks in future after local issues? Basic pricing sheet and NFPA check sheet for review, they know fire trucks.

Considering permanent mutual aid with neighboring districts. Chief Brown is planning on meeting the chiefs in person.
No new requests for purchases at this time.

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

FUEL REPORT:
gallons used 38.7

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ralph does a lot of work on fire trucks. We are still going to use him for service calls too.

June 30th is a deadline for the Forestry grant. If we spend a minimum of \$3,000.00 we could get up to \$1,500.00 reimbursed. Les Coon and Chief Brown will fill out the Grant documents and go ahead and submit them. The money will come out of the original equipment budget. We will not spend the money until we are approved for the grant. Probably purchase radios and hose when the time comes.

Mutual aid drill date changed to June 27th at 8:00 A.M. meeting at the station at 7:00 A.M.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Scott. All in favor. So Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Flandreau Secretary,
Clermont Fire District