

Claryville Fire District

Minutes February 4, 2025

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District was called to order at 6:20 pm on February 4, 2025 at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall.

Present: Chairman Mike Schiffer, Commissioners Tom Matthews and Terry McNamarra in person, and Dave White on Zoom.

Representing the Fire Department: Chief Paul Metzger, Assistant Chief Glenn VanDenBerg.

Public: Dave Bodenstein – Mike Preis Insurance.

Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Terry, Seconded by Tom, None Opposed.

The Treasurer’s Report for January 7, 2025 was read an approved Upon Motion by Terry Seconded by Tom, None Opposed.

Communication and Bills: The following Bills were approved for payment Upon Motion by Terry, Seconded by Tom, None Opposed.

500.00	personnel	treas	4941	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
300.00	personnel	sec	4942	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,800.00	building	rent	4943	Claryville FD
156.94	util	telephone & internet	4944	Spectrum / Charter Communications
89.97	util	telephone	4945	Verizon
681.17	util	elec	4946	CHUD
616.49	util	lpg	4947	Rez-Bear Energy
15.45	equipt	misc supplies	4948	Paul Metzger (personal credit card)
7,275.00	equipt	SCBA	4949	Empire SCBA & Supplies Inc.
198.00	misc	misc supplies	4950	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
89.95	fire equipt	fire ext maint	4950	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
341.88	equipt	ppe	4950	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
39.95	equipt	misc supplies	4951	Claryville Vol. Fire Dept.
40.74	equipt	misc supplies	4952	Advance Auto Parts
10,090.63	work comp	ulster co	4953	Ulster Cty Self-Insurance
680.40	building	snow removal	4954	Sheeley Oil Excavating

Fire Chief’s Report:

- 2 Calls in January
- 1/2 – Activated Alarm. Frost Valley Rd. 4 members. 65-1, 65-2, 65-3, 65-5
- 1/18 – MVA, Red Hill Rd. 9 members. 65-51, 62-2, 65-3, 65-5, 65-61 on standby

Drills/Training

- 5 Drills

- Equipment checks and Maintenance
- Road Safety
- SCBA overview

Other

- Radio work with KJBL
 - Stripped Radio/Light bar from Gary's truck
 - Installed Radio in John's Jeep
 - Checked/reprogrammed pagers
 - Inventories portable radios
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Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

Dave addressed the Town of Denning Fire Tax Levy and summarized his findings that were also communicated in emails to Commissioners (which stapled to these Minutes).

For further information, Tracy Williams, Director of the Ulster County Property Tax Service, is the contact person.

A Motion was made by Tom, Seconded by Terry, None Opposed, for Dave to contact Nicole Stripoli, who is familiar with all issues including bonding, to provide the District with legal representation.

New Business:

Dave Bodenstein explained the current insurance policy and increases to insurance coverage for the Trucks were made.

Secretary discussed FOIL form.

Dispatching at Control Center has a high turnover rate. Communication is difficult and transmissions get cut off.

Paul and Glenn will check the original inventory to verify number of portable radios.

AFDSC has interesting guest speakers at each meeting. AFDSC will also help cover the 50% of the cost of hosting the meeting and paying for the meal.

The 4 new fly cars available for emergency medical care have had a very large number of calls.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm Upon Motion by Terry, Seconded by Tom, None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary