

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the AAACC at 4 Green Street, Cuba, New York.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Commissioners: Mike Johnson-present; John Lafever-absent; Tab Loftis-present; Doug Rettig Sr.-present; Treasurer Marlene Doyle-present; Secretary Richard Seigel-present.

Also present: Chief Dave Hardman; 1st Asst. Nick Sweet; Pres. P.J. Shaller; Wayne Butts.

Motion by Mike Johnson 2nd by Tab Loftis to dispense with the reading of the November regular meeting minutes and the November 25th special meeting minutes and approve them. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Treasurer's Report by Marlene Doyle:

The only audit firm to reply so far has offered an audit at a cost of \$3,000.00 plus \$450.00 for 2012, 2013, & 2014. We will revisit the audit situation in 2016.

We are still waiting for help from the Comptroller's office so we can file.

Presentation of the bills by Marlene Doyle:

The commissioners met prior to the meeting to audit the bills presented in voucher form by the Treasurer. Each of the bills presented in voucher form was audited and each commissioner present placed their signature on the vouchers as their approval to have the Treasurer pay the bills. Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson and all approved unanimously, it was resolved that the Board of Commissioners, following an audit and approval to pay the bills vouchers (15-EC#63 thru #15-1631) in the amount of \$1,729.71 and allow payment of such approved bills and order the Treasurer to pay such bills. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Attached is the monthly audit of the accounts by Doug Rettig Sr.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to approve the account audit. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Chief's Report by Chief Dave Hardman:

We are still trying to find someone to work on the nozzle on Cuba 9.

The officers are working on updating the SOG's.

We had (5) members take the rescue course.

Our training requests for 2016 have been sent to the County & State.

There are (4) members who want to go to FDIC in Indianapolis.

The town may get a reduction from an ISO rating of 9 to an 8b because we respond with 4,000 gal. of water. This came about from the ISO visit.

Kulmaul is here to work on Cuba 6.

There is a bill of \$25.00 for each of the (2) members who took the swift water course. This was new to us as we have never had to pay for a course. Jeff Luckey said he would notify everyone if there will be a charge when he sends out the course information in the future.

Membership:

An application from Vanessa Sweet for membership was approved by the membership. Motion by Mike Johnson 2nd by Tab Loftis to accept Vanessa's application and approve Derek Clement being transferred to active duty from inactive status. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Incident report for the month of November:

11/04/15 15:07 Jordan Hill Mutual Aid to Clarksville
11/05/15 13:12 Hamilton Hill Woods Fire
11/06/15 20:58 County Road 40 Mutual Aid to Clarksville
11/13/15 19:14 I-86 West Service Call
11/13/15 19:20 County Road 20 Severe Weather Call
11/13/15 19:51 State Road 305 Severe Weather Call
11/18/15 19:55 State Road 305 South MVA
11/19/15 12:48 9 North Branch Road Service Call
11/20/15 04:28 County Road 7 Structure Fire
11/27/15 11:45 4261 State Road 305 Cooking Fire

Communications:

Received a Christmas card from Chairman Rettig.

Steuben County via Jeff Luckey has asked for any low band radios available.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson that we send all the low band equipment that we previously declared as surplus to them. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Received a notice from OSC (Office of the State Comptroller) regarding the tax cap. We had to refile our tax cap report because the state had updated the assessment record after our original report was filed. The new report was filed on Dec. 2nd and we are still under the 0.73% for 2016.

Committees:

Tab Loftis reported that the bid notices and the legal notice for bids have been sent out and he has heard from (4) manufacturers to date.

Old Business:

The chief was told to order the SCBA equipment for this year in December and the equipment for 2016 in January.

New Business:

Doug Rettig Sr. reported on the visit from ISO. See chief's report for the possible rate reduction in the town.

Doug Rettig Sr. also reported he is seeking quotes for a new attorney to represent the district.

Following are the results from the Dec. 8th election:

5 Year Term Mike Johnson 140 votes

2 Year Term Wayne Butts 132 votes

Jonas Perry 25 votes

Mike and Wayne now have 270 days to complete commissioner training.

Open Forum:

Tab Loftis wanted the public record to show that he felt that the Fire Department and the District had been cooperating well and would continue to do so with the new commissioners, that in addition to the vote at the November 25th meeting, a majority of the commissioners did not want the new truck information to be sent to an attorney.

Tab also reported that there will be a special meeting on December 30, at 6:30 P.M. to open the bids on the new truck.

Doug Rettig Sr. felt that the truck information should be sent to an attorney as a precaution, but he accepted the decision of the commissioners.

Chairman Rettig also stated that he would like to see people take an interest in the district by attending some meeting and/or make suggestions to the commissioners.

Executive Session:

Motion by Doug Rettig Sr. 2nd by Mike Johnson to go into executive session on a personnel matter.
Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

The commissioners went into executive session at 7:40 P.M.

Motion by Doug Rettig Sr. 2nd by Mike Johnson to return to the regular meeting from executive session.
Motion carried by a vote of 3-0

The commissioners returned from executive session at 7:51 P.M.

The commissioners stated that there had been a situation at the Halloween Watch involving alcohol with all the trick and treaters around. The commissioners stated they did not want to see this type of situation repeated.

The January organizational meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. just prior to the regular meeting on January 13, 2016.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard L. Seigel Sr.
Secretary

