

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 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: Wayne Butts-excused; Leroy Clark-present; Mike Johnson-present; Tab Loftis-present; Doug Rettig Sr.-present; Treasurer Carolyn Root-present; Secretary Richard Seigel Sr.-present. Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to excuse Wayne Butts for medical reasons. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Also present: Chief Nick Sweet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Aaron Appleby, Pres. P.J. Shaller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jonas Perry

Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tab Loftis to dispense with the reading of the July 11 and 26, 2017 minutes and approve them. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Treasurer's Report by Carolyn Root:

The Treasurer presented the abstract in the amount of \$12,748.36.

The rebate check from Verizon is here.

Presentation of the bills by Carolyn Root:

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 each of the vouchers as their approval to pay the bills. Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tab Loftis and all approved unanimously, it was resolved that the Board of Commissioners, following an audit and approval to pay the bills (Vouchers EC#17-135 thru #17-1831) in the amount of \$12,748.36 and allow payment of such bills and order the Treasurer to pay the bills. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. A copy of the audit is filed in the district office.

Chief's Report by Chief Nick Sweet:

There are (2) air packs out of service. Jonas Perry is repairing them.

Justin sweet will be changing oil in small equipment this month.

The aerial and ground ladders will be tested on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M.

There will be a swift water rescue course on August 13<sup>th</sup> with Westons Mills and Allegany Fire Departments. Our function at a rescue will be support for the operation.

Training night will be Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. The training will be on pumper operations and hose lays.

Equipment Night will be Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

The Chief has quotes for the remaining budget items for the meeting.

Cuba 6 needs to have the rescue body bolts and mounting plates replaced (severely rusted) and the rear passenger leaf springs are so fatigued that the truck leans to that side.

There are (31) air bottles that will become out of date in 2018 and cannot be refilled. The Chief presented the Commissioners with a list of these bottles.

The Chief would like to talk to the Commissioners about several persons who still do not have their Occustar physical.

The Chief presented a list of items that the officers have compiled for the 2018 budget. The Chief reported that our request for a DEC Grant was denied because we received a grant last year. Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Clark to allow the Chief to purchase the budgeted items at a cost of \$3,708.21 (unless there is a less expensive chain saw that will do the job). Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Incident Report for July 2017:

7/01/17 03:43 State Route 305 MVA W/Injuries  
7/04/17 21:09 Maple Lane Authorized Burn  
7/14/17 06:22 Farnsworth Road Power Lines Down  
7/14/17 07:00 Woodruff Street Power Lines Down  
7/15/17 00:43 Farnsworth Road MVA W/Injuries  
7/29/17 23:02 Ramsey Road Mutual Aid to New Hudson  
7/31/17 13:29 20 Water Street False Alarm

Committees:

The draft of the new procurement policy is still in progress.

Old Business:

Tab Loftis reported that the new tanker arrived on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The truck has been driven, pumped and generally inspected, accepted and paid for.

Some of the small equipment has been delivered and installed. We are still waiting for other items so the truck can be put into service.

The final installation of the radio needs to be completed. The radio has been installed, transmits and receives, but needs to be balanced. The Chief cannot get a date from the county radio technician as to when he can get here to finish the installation. Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tab Loftis to allow the Chief to contact Brico and SAIA for a quote to finish the installation. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Aaron Appleby brought up the possibility of installing a backup camera in the new truck. He has quotes ranging from \$59.00 to \$150.00.

A motion by Tab Loftis to purchase a backup camera was rescinded until there is more research done. Tab Loftis reported that the dash camera in Cuba 1 is working, but the camera in Cuba 6 is not due to some electrical issues.

New Business:

The proposed fire contract between the Cuba Joint Fire District and the Seneca Nation for fire protection of the Tracewell (Acme) property has been sent and received by the Seneca Nation. The Commissioners agreed to continue fire protection after the stated September 1<sup>st</sup> date.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to enter into executive session on a personnel matter and to work on the proposed fire hall lease. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The Commissioners entered into executive session at 7:27 P.M.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to return to the regular meeting from executive session. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The Commissioners returned to the regular meeting at 8:01 P.M.

Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tab Loftis to allow Mike Johnson to contact CFD Board Chairman Kevin Nutt to resolve issues involved in the proposed fire hall lease. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The Chief will suspend several members who have yet to get their Occustar physical until they have done so. The Commissioners support the Chief in this decision.

Open Forum:

There was a discussion on the feasibility of purchasing a pickup truck. Besides miscellaneous duties at the fire scene, it would be used to attend fire trainings and not require the Dept. to take a larger more expensive piece of equipment.

The Commissioners requested information to be considered in the new budget.

Motion by Lee Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tab Loftis to adjourn. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Seigel Sr.  
Secretary

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