

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 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-present; Leroy Clark-present; Mike Johnson-present; Tab Loftis-present; Doug Rettig Sr.-present; Treasurer Carolyn Root-present; Secretary Richard Seigel Sr.-present.

Also present: Chief Nick Sweet, 1st Asst. Derek Clement, 2nd Asst. Aaron Appleby, CFD Secretary David Hardman, Vice President Keith Perry, Chris Travis from Portville Truck.

Motion by Mike Johnson 2nd by Wayne Butts to dispense with the reading of the November, 8, 2017 minutes and approve them. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Treasurer's Report by Carolyn Root:

The Treasurer presented the abstract in the amount of \$5,072.91.

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 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 EC#17-145 thru #17-1883) in the amount of \$5,072.91 and allow payment of such bills and order the Treasurer to pay the bills. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

Motion by Wayne Butts 2nd by Tab Loftis to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. A copy of the audit is filed in the district office.

Chief's Report by Chief Nick Sweet:

Cuba 3 has new hand lights and the tank fill gauge installed.

Cuba 1 and Cuba 6 will have the lights installed this month.

The Chief has quotes for (10) air bottles he would like to purchase out of this year's budget.

Training Night will be December 12th at 6:00 P.M. (EVOC in house training).

Equipment Night will be December 19th at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Lee Clark 2nd by Wayne Butts to purchase the (10) air bottles from this year's budget at a cost of \$12,050.00. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0

Membership:

Robert Gadd was moved from the Juniors to the Department.

Motion by Wayne Butts 2nd by Mike Johnson to accept the promotion of Robert Gadd to the Department. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

There were (3) members who turned in their resignation, Kevin Nutt, Jonas Perry and Katie Horton (2 have moved from the district).

Incident Report for the Month of November 2017:

11/06/17 14:22 9160 Lyman Road Assist the Ambulance
11/14/17 10:40 5261 Ramble Wood Drive Assist the Ambulance
11/23/17 16:56 24 Water Street Cooking Fire
11/24/17 10:09 15 Elm Street Smoke Detector
11/24/17 20:45 249 West Shore Road MVA
11/27/17 17:34 84 Genessee Street False Alarm

Election:

Chairman Rettig reported that there were (22) votes cast and all the votes were for Wayne Butts. Wayne will start a (5) year term January 1, 2018.

Old Business:

Chairman Rettig stated that he has received a check for \$10,000.00 for the purchase of old Cuna 7 (tanker). Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to authorize the payment of \$1,000.00 for the commission to the broker. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mike Johnson and Lee Clark reported that they have the new Fire Hall lease. The lease was approved in November. CFD Vice President Keith Perry and CFD Secretary David Hardman were present and signed the lease for CFD.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to authorize the District Chairman to sign the lease. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Copies of the lease will be given to the district Secretary for the file.

At 7:15 P.M. per the request for truck maintenance bids, the bids were opened by Lee Clark and Wayne Butts. Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Doug Rettig Sr. to take a (10) minute recess to evaluate the bids. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to return to the regular meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Lee Clark to accept the bid from Portville Truck for a (3) year contract for the maintenance of our trucks. Motion carried by vote of 5-0.

Wayne Butts stated there are some issues that need to be addressed on our trucks. Chris Travis presented the list to the commissioners for their evaluation and how to proceed.

There was a question of how we handled truck repair currently.

The current procedure is: Have the truck sent out for the repair, Wayne will be notified, who in turn will notify the Chief so he can talk to the line officers about the repair.

The Commissioners asked the Chief to discuss the current procedure with the line officers, and get back to them if they want a change in the procedure.

Chairman Rettig reported on the status of the proposed contract with the Seneca Nation for fire protection on the Tracewell (old Acme) property.

Our attorney Joe Miller Esq. sent an e-mail that said quote: "I started researching whether the CJFD is compelled to provide fire protection without compensation to the property in response to the Seneca's attorney that they believe we are required to protect them whether they pay or not. I have not finished the search and it depends on a couple of different things. First, if the property is restricted fee status it keeps it within the Town, then it is like a not-for-profit. On the other hand if it operates like an annexation, then that means it would no longer be part of the town. This is what we have to determine to respond. They simply do not want to pay".

After discussion, a motion by Lee Clark 2nd by Tab Loftis that the district does not spend any more money pursuing the contract as currently it appears to be a lost cause. Motion Carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Rettig reported that although we cancelled the communications contract with Verizon in April 2017, they have continued sending us bills. His contacts with them did not resolve the situation. Verizon then turned the bills over to a collection agency.

Doug has sent a registered packet to the collection agency with a copy to the Public Service Commission. We have received confirmation from the collection agency that they received the information, but we have not heard back.

New Business:

Tab Loftis reported that the specs for the proposed pickup truck are complete and that we have received the AGS# so we can now go out for State bids on the truck.

Motion by Lee Clark 2nd by Tab Loftis to purchase the proposed pickup truck at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00, subject to a permissive referendum. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Rettig reported on the status of titles for the trucks. We have titles for Cuba1, Cuba 7 and the boat. We have certificates of origin for Cuba 3, Cuba 6 and Cuba 9 which we need to convert to titles. Wayne Butts and Lee Clark will get the titles.

Open Forum:

Lee Clark gave the Chief a purchase order for Fire Prevention material for clarification.

Chairman Rettig stated that he will have his current files and computer files transferred to the district office by 12/31/17 as he will not seek the chairmanship for 2018.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Lee Clark to adjourn. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Seigel Sr.
Secretary

