

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Aaron Appleby, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Derek Clement, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Justin Sweet, Zack Nutt, Shannon Appleby, Jeremy Clawson, Charlean Clawson.

Motion by Wayne Butts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to dispense with the reading of the June 14, 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 \$3,577.58.

We are still waiting for a refund check in the amount of \$74.50 from Verizon.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to approve the Treas. Report. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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 Wayne Butts and all approved unanimously, it was resolved that the Board of Commissioners, following an audit and approval to pay the bills (Vouchers EC#17-133 thru #17-1821) in the amount of \$3,577.58 and allow payment of such bills and order the Treasurer to pay the bills. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to approve the audit as presented by Doug Rettig Sr. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. (The audit is on file at the District office)

Chief's Report by Chief Nick Sweet:

There is some surplus equipment as follows:

- Declare the trash pumps as surplus and donate them to the Rushford Fire department. ( We have new pumps).
- Fix the float pump generator.
- Use the foam pack as a decontamination unit for turnout gear.
- Declare the chainsaw and Generator lights as surplus. (not repairable)

We are asking to be allowed to take Cuba 6 & Cuba 9 to the VFAAC parade in Bolivar Sat. July 15<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to purchase (2) spare SCBA batteries for our G-1 air packs.

The chief has quotes to finish the rope and descender rescue 8 kits.

The chief is requesting an executive session.

The chief needs purchase order forms.

Training night is Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Equipment night is Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Clark to purchase (2) spare batteries for the SCBA units and 150ft. of rope at a cost not to exceed \$900.00 and research whether batteries were included in the original purchase, if not take appropriate action to get them. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion by Lee Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Butts to approve the chief's request for the surplus equipment. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. (The motion resulted in Resolution #2017-7-01 which is on file in the district office).

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Butts to allow the chief to take Cuba 6, Cuba 9 and the Sanford to the VFAAC convention parade in Bolivar on Sat. July 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Tab Loftis asked if it were possible to estimate any additional funds to put the new truck in service. This would make it so we could transfer funds only once.

Membership:

The Department approved the following persons for membership: Dan Gadd, Morgan Gadd and Tyler McPhibmy. Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to approve all (3) persons. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Incident Report for the month of June 2017:

6/03/17 17:14 213 Wet Shore Road Pump Detail  
6/04/17 22:55 I-86 East MVA  
6/05/17 10:58 23 Genessee Street Assist Ambulance  
6/08/17 11:08 9495 Keller Hill Road CO Detector  
6/09/17 21:47 8279 County Road 20 MVA/Injuries  
6/10/17 10:08 County Road 7 Assist Ambulance  
6/13/17 16:23 East Main Street Wind damage  
6/14/17 11:06 State Route 305 MVA/Injuries  
6/15/17 18:47 8911 Upper Street Mutual Aid to Rushford  
6/16/17 07:39 State Route 305 Good Intent Call  
6/19/17 07:38 12 West Main Street Smoke Detector  
6/22/17 11:06 3032 Church Street Mutual Aid to Hinsdale  
6/25/17 23:32 69 South Shore Road False Alarm  
6/26/17 20:44 I-86 East MVA  
6/29/17 20:03 State Route 305 MVA/Injuries

Committees:

The draft for changes to the procurement policy will be presented in August.

Old Business:

Tab Loftis reported that the trip to 4-Guys to inspect the new truck was successful.

There has been discussion on the late delivery of the new truck. After some back and forth with 4-Guys, the district will receive \$3,000.00 worth of free items.

Some of the small equipment for the truck has arrived. Tab will contact our Rep. and get those items to him that 4-Guys is to install.

New Business:

Doug Rettig Sr. stated that the former Acme (Tracewell) building will soon be part of the Seneca Nation and removed from the tax rolls. This means they will no longer be part of the Cuba Joint Fire District and we will lose fire tax dollars as a result.

Doug will contact the Seneca Nation to see how we are to handle emergency responses to the facility. For the present the Commissioners told the chief to continue responding as usual to the facility, other Seneca Nation properties and the lake properties that are part of Ischua.

Tab Loftis stated he had a set of turnout gear that did not pass inspection. This will be added to the surplus list presented by the chief.

Doug Rettig Sr. presented a flyer for the NYSAFD October convention at a cost of \$1,200.00. Action was tabled until more information was gathered.

Open Forum:

Doug Rettig Sr. asked to have a sign placed on the steering wheel of any vehicle that is out of service.

Lee Clark stated he and the chief had talked and the chief was taking care of it.

Doug also requested that the truck report be filled out completely when a truck leaves the hall for any reason.

There was question of the procedure used to spec a new truck and how the new truck was selected. Tab Loftis answered the questions.

Although it does not directly affect us, we need to keep an eye on the effect of the new Bingo law about persons less than 18 years of age being in the Bingo hall. Wayne found out that they can be in the hall, but they must have purchased a card, cannot play the card, nor can the person who brought them play the card. Note: Surrounding Departments use Bingo as their main fund Raiser.

Executive Session:

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Butts to enter into executive session on a personnel matter. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

The Commissioners entered into executive session at 8:01 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 5-0. The Commissioners returned to the regular meeting at 8:24 P.M.

Motion by Lee Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Seigel Sr.  
Secretary

The Cuba Joint Fire District held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2017 at 3:45 P.M. in the AAACC at 4 Green Street, Cuba, New York.

The purpose of meeting was to discuss the recent annexation of the Tracewell (Acme) property to the reservation.

No other business can be discussed at this meeting.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Commissioners: Wayne Butts-present; Lee Clark-present; Mike Johnson-present; Tab Loftis-present; Doug Rettig Sr.-present; Treasurer Carolyn Root-excused; Secretary Richard I. Seigel Sr.-present.

Also Present: Chief Nick Sweet, CFD Pres. P.J. Shaller, CJFD Attorney Joe Miller, Victoria Cruz Perez (Miller's office)

Attorney Miller gave the Commissioners a recap of the events that lead up to the annexation of the Tracewell (Acme) property to the Seneca Nation:

- \*The annexation process started last fall after the required waiting period.
- \*Current laws allow them to broaden their borders.
- \*The Nation needed to show they had met certain conditions.
- \*The result is that \$2.8 million of assessed valuation was removed from the tax rolls.
- \*The Town of Cuba has sent a letter congratulating the Nation on their acquisition and stated that the Town would no longer furnish services to the facility as of July 31, 2017.

After considerable discussion a motion was made by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Butts to allow Attorney Miller to send a fire protection contract to the Seneca Nation to provide fire protection for the Tracewell (Acme) facility.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

This contract should be sent as soon as possible after approval by the Commissioners. Until the contract is signed by both parties, CFD is to respond to emergencies under the current procedure.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Butts that Lee Clark and Doug Rettig Sr. are to be the contacts with the Seneca Nation for CJFD. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion by Lee Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tab Loftis to adjourn.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Seigel Sr.  
Secretary

