

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 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 Mike Johnson 2nd by Tab Loftis to excuse Wayne Butts. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Also present: 1st Asst. Nick Sweet, 2nd Asst. Aaron Appleby, Pres. Lewy Kratts, Derek Clement, Justin Sweet, Dave Gowdy, Bambi Gowdy, Keith Perry, Jonas Perry, Roger Bell, Zack Nutt, Dominic Cassada, Jamus Wierich.

Motion by Mike Johnson 2nd by Tab Loftis to dispense with the reading of the February 8th 2017 meeting minutes and the February 21, 2017 meeting 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 \$14,617.32.

She asked the chief to have all packing slips be signed to satisfy the auditors.

Carolyn asked permission to hire Bysec to update the annual information at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Motion by Lee Clark 2nd by Mike Johnson to allow the Treasurer to hire Bysec to update the annual information at a cost of \$1,500.00. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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 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#17-123 thru #17-1772) in the amount of \$14,617.32 and allow payment of such bills and order the Treasurer to pay the bills. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to table the bill from Portville Truck for Cuba 9 in the amount of \$2,800.00+ until all the paperwork is available. (Invoice #95502)

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Motion by Lee Clark 2nd by Mike Johnson to transfer funds. (See attached motion) Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Lee Clark to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Chief's Report by 1st Asst. Nick Sweet:

The following trucks have been serviced, repaired and/or inspected:

Cuba 1 has new tires, oil change and inspected.

Cuba 3 has been serviced and inspected.

Cuba 6 has had an air leak repaired.

Cuba 7 has had the oil changed and inspected.

Cuba 9 has been serviced and a new air dryer installed.

The new thermal image camera is here.
The batteries in the air packs have been changed.
The (3) pagers have been ordered.
The Farm jacks have been ordered.
Equipment night will be 3/11 at 6:00 P.M.
Training Night will be a FASNY Course at Cuba High School on 3/28.
Lee Clark complimented the Department on their February training.
There will be no further nominations for any of the Chief's positions.
Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to approve Nick Sweet for Chief, Derek Clement for 1st Asst. and Aaron Appleby for 2nd Asst. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
Tab Loftis feels that the officers should be installed by the Commissioners. Therefore Tab and Wayne Butts will do the installation.

Membership:

Jamus Weirich was accepted by the membership of the Fire Department.
Motion by Mike Johnson 2nd by Lee Clark to approve Jamus Weirich as a member. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Incident Report for the month of February 2017:

2/11/17 07:45 Stout Road Assist Ambulance
2/12/17 19:51 I86 East MVA
2/12/17 22:29 I86 West MVA
2/12/17 22:35 Spring Street Good Intent Call
2/13/17 00:59 State Route 305 MVA
2/16/17 18:41 State Route 305 MVA
2/23/17 04:04 North Shore Road Assist Ambulance
2/26/17 13:14 South Shore Road MVA

Committees:

Tab Loftis presented a PPE Policy (Storage and care of personal protective equipment) Motion by Lee Clark 2nd by Mike Johnson to approve the PPE as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
Lee Clark feels that since some of the firefighters keep turnout gear in their vehicles, that the District should furnish them with a duffel bag to preserve them. Nick Sweet will furnish names for the next meeting.
Tab Loftis stated that some of the turnout gear that had been sent to Turnout Express needs repair.
Motion by Lee Clark 2nd by Mike Johnson to approve the repair of the gear. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
Cuba 9 has been repaired as indicated previously, Cuba 3 will be operated and dry primed. Cuba 1 needs to go out for a cold start misfiring problem. We will go from there depending on the results.
Chairman Rettig appointed Lee Clark and Mike Johnson to the Finance committee.

Old Business:

Tab Loftis reported that the conversion from Verizon to Spectrum is progressing. Spectrum had some concerns that the District was actually a government entity.

New Business:

The Fire Hall lease has been tabled until the new officers have taken office.

There was a discussion on the District having a separate office. CFD may be agreeable to sharing the administrative office. There is also a thought to install an office in the area where the TV is located.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to research the feasibility of using the TV area and report at the April meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

There was a discussion that the District be a part of the interview process for prospective members and that there might be a \$10.00 administration fee.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson that the interview process remain as is and that a new member be encouraged to attend a District meeting as soon as possible. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Open Forum:

Captain Bell stated he would like to hear about any problems ASAP, he feels that past communications leave a lot to be desired and he wants to be allowed to do his job the way it should be done.

Chairman Rettig stated that the commissioners will help all they can, so don't hesitate to ask or tell us.

President Lewy Kratts stated that (2) people were voted in on their 2nd vote. He also stated that in his opinion the trucks are old, but they are in good condition.

Aaron Appleby said that the Fire District account with Hite is cash only and this had caused the Department to charge some batteries to their account. Treasurer Root will call Hite to change the District account.

Motion by Tab Loftis 2nd by Mike Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L Seigel Sr.
Secretary

