

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the AAACC at 4 Green Street, Cuba, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark.

1. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.
2. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Derek Clement, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Aaron Appleby, CFD Secretary Dave Hardman, Jeff Griswold, Robin Valeri, Lee James

Reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting(s):

1. **Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to dispense with the reading of the April 11, 2018 minutes and approve them. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

Lee James presented an updated insurance proposal which included (2) from ESIP, (1) from VFIS and (1) from Utica. **Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Rettig Sr. to accept the proposal from VFIS in the amount of \$14,193.00. Motion carried by a vote of 4-Yea 1-Abstention Wayne Butts.**

Treasurer:

1. Treasurer's Report by Carolyn Root:
  - a. The Treasurer presented the abstract in the amount of \$15,857.93.
  - b. We have received a refund on the insurance for old Cuba 7 in the amount of \$256.04 which has been deposited.

2. 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 Wayne Butts 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#18-152 thru #18-1923) in the amount of \$15,857.93 and allow payment of such bills and order the Treasurer to pay the bills. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

Monthly Audit:

1. Attached is the monthly audit of the accounts by Doug Rettig Sr.  
**Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Butts 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:

1. (7) Sets of turnout gear have been ordered.
2. The Chief presented a list of hose that does not meet NFPA standards and needs to be declared as surplus
3. The new hose has arrived.
4. Cuba 6 needs to be serviced and inspected. It will go out 5/10/18. Cuba 3 has had the lube job done.
5. The yearly service has been done on the Cascade system.

6. The officers would like to discuss the (2) floating pumps we have. **Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to declare the (2) floating pumps as surplus. Motion carried by a vote of 4-Yea 1 –No Doug Rettig Sr.**
7. Training Night will be 5/22/18 at 6:00 P.M. (fire scene setup).
8. Equipment Night will be 5/29/18 at 6:00 P.M.
9. The Chief invited the Commissioners to attend a Rescue Strut Demonstration on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
10. The officers have started to get quotes for the new budget.
11. Cuba 1 needs a warning light. Est. Cost \$300.00.

There were (3) presentations from those who attended NYS weekend in Emmitsburg:  
Robin Valeri reported on the Youth Firestarter Management Course. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the (2) year course.

Jeff Griswald reported on the Training Operations for Small Departments Course.  
Derek Clement stated he took the same course as Jeff and added his comments.

**Motion by Wayne Butts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tab Loftis to declare the outdated hose as surplus and sell the hose and the (2) floating pumps, Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**Motion by Wayne Butts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to purchase a Rescue Strut kit at a cost of \$7,465.00. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**Motion by Tab Loftis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to purchase (4) Stream Lights at a cost of \$1,5421.80. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

Incident Report for April 2018:

4/01/18 12:02 24 Water Street Structure Fire  
4/01/18 21:46 79 West Main Street CO Incident  
4/04/18 14:11 283 South Shore Road Boiler Malfunction  
4/04/18 15:40 8678 Farnsworth Road Electrical Problem  
4/04/18 18:52 Hamilton Hill Road Downed Power Line  
4/04/18 23:43 County Road 20 MVA W/Injuries  
4/05/18 10:56 51 East Main Street Mutual Aid to Hinsdale  
4/05/18 17:18 358 North Shore Road Electrical Problem  
4/06/18 18:39 8300 Stout Road Assist Ambulance  
4/09/18 14:46 Hilltop Road Brush Fire  
4/14/18 12:28 Beebe Hill Road Good Intent Call  
4/17/18 16:41 33 Genesee Street Pump detail  
4/23/18 11:38 9934 Keller Hill Road Woods Fire

Old Business:

Commissioner Rettig stated that he is still putting the old minutes in the minute book.

Commissioner Loftis reported that (19) pieces of turnout gear have been sent out for cleaning. These were picked up and will be returned by the company Rep. To date Tab has found (3) sets of turnout gear that are out of date now or will be shortly.

Tab presented some turnout gear that is not for interior use. The cost is \$600.00 to \$800.00 per set. There was concern that it may be used inadvertently for interior and that to drive in turnout gear was difficult. After a discussion the decision is to change our SOP for the wearing of turnout gear.

Commissioner Loftis reported that the build date for the pickup truck has moved from the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> to the week to the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> due to a GM reschedule.

Chairman Clark stated that the titles for all the trucks are sent for except Cuba 6. To get a title for Cuba 6 we need an original certificate of origin vs the copy we have. The Chief will search his file to see if we have an original, if not we will try the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Bureau.

New Business:

Commissioner Rettig Sr. stated that the shared services program for fire departments is back on the table.

Open Forum:

Chief Sweet reported on the lettering for the pickup truck. Tab Loftis will get additional quotes for a Maltese Cross.

Tab Loftis will deliver the defective 10' section of hard suction hose to Elmira.

Commissioner Rettig asked Chief Sweet if any of the FEMA grant purchased "turnout protective gear, generators, training unit simulators and other practical stuff related to emergency preparedness", as described by Jeff Luckey in the May 2, 2018 Allegany County Public Safety Committee meeting minutes. Has ever made it to Cuba? The answer was "no". Commissioner Rettig made the suggestion that maybe the (2) District II Legislators who serve on this Committee should be invited to one of our Fire District meetings to find out more information about these purchases.

**Motion by Wayne Butts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to approve the minutes prior to typing.  
Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Seigel Sr.  
Secretary



