

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 in the Fire Department meeting room at 51 East Main Street Cuba New York.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for the firefighters who lost their lives in the attack on the Twin Towers on 9/11/01.

Roll Call: Commissioners Russ Heslin-present; Mike Johnson-present; Marlene Doyle-excused; Derek Clement-present; John Lafever-present; Treasurer Melissa Patanella-present; Secretary Richard Seigel-present.

Also in attendance: President Wayne Butts; Keith Perry; 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Nick Sweet; Tab Loftis; Dave Hardman; Vice Pres. Dave Gowdy; Doug Rettig; 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Jason Butts Wes Sortore (DC-2).

Motion by Derek Clement 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson to dispense with the reading of the August minutes and approve them. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Presentation of bills by Melissa Patanella:

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 in attendance placed their signature on the vouchers as their approval to have the Treasurer pay the bills. Motion by John Lafever 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 #1328-13 thru #1333-13) in the amount of \$1,392.34 and allow payment of such approved bills and order the Treasurer to pay such bills. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Marlene Doyle's monthly audit of vouchers and accounts is attached.

Chief's Report by 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Nick Sweet:

Smokey Sunday will be 9/29 from 9:00 A.M. until?

Water rescue course coming up.

General maintenance of small equipment almost complete.

Wes Sortore (DC-2) reported on the status of the radio grant. Cuba Fire Department's 5% share is \$3,163.80. The lead department does not want the 5% until the radios arrive.

Incident Report for the month of August:

8/2/13 15:26 285 West Shore Electrical Problem.

8/5/13 17:06 5476 State Route 305 Cancelled in Route.

8/8/13 03:29 State Route 305 Traffic Control.

8/8/13 14:06 State Route 305 MVA.

8/9/13 14:40 County Route 20 MVA.

8/15/13 10:44 Standby; in Hinsdale.

8/15/13 11:19 Spring Street Auto Extrication.

8/17/13 19:42 23 Chapel Street Community Service.

8/17/13 21:53 State Route 305 Vehicle Fire.

8/18/13 12:15 Genesee Street Community Service.  
8/24/13 8921 Beebe Hill cancelled in route.  
8/25/13 19:42 23 Spring Street MVA.  
8/26/13 15:29 State Route 446 MVA and Landing Zone.  
8/26/13 19:02 Community Service.  
8/29/13 20:39 76 Maple Street CO Detector.

Communications:

Received a letter from Richardson & Pullen Attorneys at Law concerning publication and posting of monthly board meeting public notices.

Committees:

Proposed budget report by Russ Heslin:

Resolution by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lafever that the proposed 2014 Cuba Joint Fire District budget in the amount of \$261,513.00 be adopted. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

The public hearing on the budget will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in the Cuba Fire Department's meeting room at 51 East Main Street Cuba New York from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. A copy of the proposed budget is available for perusal at the town clerk's office.

Old Business:

The fire hall lease has been signed by all parties.

Russ Heslin reported that absentee ballots for the upcoming December election can be provided at a cost of approx. \$220.00. By a roll call vote of 4-0 the Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution to allow absentee ballots for the December election. (SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION).

Russ Heslin reported that the R.A. Mercer firm of Olean is recommended as the firm to audit the District's finances. Motion by Derek Clement 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson that the R.A. Mercer firm of Olean be retained to audit the District's finances at a cost of \$3,800.00. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mike Johnson recommends Home Insulation of Lancaster to insulate the fire hall roof. Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lafever to hire Home Insulation of Rochester to insulate the fire hall roof at a cost of \$5,700.00 using green seal wood cellulose fiber. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

There is a separate cost of \$2,280.00 to insulate the AAACC. This is to be addressed by the fire department.

Wayne Butts recommends Ron Kelley for the furnace repair. Motion by Derek Clement 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson that we hire Ron Kelley to repair the fire hall furnace and duct work at a cost of \$875.00. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

New Business: Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Derek Clement that the commissioners appoint Wayne Butts, Cindy Kottwitz and Esther Hardman as election commissioners for the upcoming December 10,2013 election. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Cuba Fire Department's 5 year plan was presented to the commissioners by Dave Hardman and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Jason Butts.

Open Forum: There was taxpayer concern that (3) pieces of apparatus were taken out of the district for the Labor Day Parade in Rushford.

Motion by Mike Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lafever to adjourn. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Adjourned at 7:36 P.M.