

FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

JULY 16, 2007

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Those in attendance were Chairman Ronald Rifenburg, Commissioners Charles Larsen, Brandon Seymour and Raymond Bauer. Commissioner Harry Harned was absent. Others present were Chief Laurence Saulpaugh, Robert Desmond, Denise Fiore, Treasurer and Assistant Chief Ronald Seymour.

Chairman Rifenburg called the meeting to order. The minutes of the June meeting were accepted on a motion made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

Treasurers Report:

The complete report is on file.

RECEIPTS

- Check received from Van Kleeck's in the amount of \$564.50, refund on tires.
- Check from Columbia County Workers Compensation fund – reimbursement for two physicals in the amount of \$110.00
- Check received from Selective Insurance in the amount of \$426.00, refund for 1967 Ford truck which was sold.
- A credit received from Van Kleeck's for \$240 was actually for the Highway Department.
- Received \$200.00 from Iroquois Gas Transmission Systems

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Seymour to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor. So carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Commissioners Larsen and Seymour.

Commissioner Larsen requested three quotes for the painting of the roof and door replacement but no one responded other than John Owen.

INSURANCE: Commissioners Bauer and Larsen

Commissioner Bauer reminded the board that any one hired to do work on the firehouse should have a certificate of insurance for liability and workers compensation. If they do not carry compensation then A signed, notarized affidavit is needed.

FIRE EQUIPMENT: Commissioners Seymour and Bauer

Commissioner Seymour reported that all equipment is working. The 1967 Pumper sold last month to be used at Ronald McDonald House was picked up and transported to its new destination.

LOSAP: Commissioner Harned

A report was received from Penflex, Inc. as well as invoice for \$400.00, which will be paid. The Chairman will ask Commissioner Harned review the report and make a report next month.

LAW AND POLICIES:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Rifenburg will meet with Ralph Torchia on the price difference on the lettering of the new fire truck.
- Commissioner Larsen believes it is within the procurement policy to award the roof job for Station #1 as it is below \$3000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to award the contract to John Owen for \$2600 to replace all fasteners and paint the roof at Station #1. All in favor. So carried. There is a leak around the chimney and six feet from workbench, which Charlie will tell him about.
- Chairman Rifenburg has an application for the newsletter from the Association of Fire Districts of NYS which will be completed and sent in.
- Chairman Rifenburg and Assistant Chief Seymour checked the alarm system to have it direct dial to 911. Could not find instructions to change alarm codes. If it cannot be found, will do something different next year.
- Truck #603 – It was reported that everything is working and there are no problems on the new truck.
- Sign for Station #1 – Tommy McCarthy is working on it and is going to bring it in to Commissioners.
- Gas Tank at Station #2 is empty. If tank is filled it should be winter mix. Chief Saulpaugh will check if anything is left in tank and if there is water in it. Will put conditioner of some type in tank and algicide.
- Pager – Received letter from Adom Lawyer regarding damage to pager. There may be another pager, which is lost. Commissioner Larsen will check if the deductible applies to both pagers or if there is a deductible on each one.
It was also suggested that all pagers should be labeled. Requested that Chief Saulpaugh make sure all members have their pagers labeled at the next Fire Company meeting. Chairman Rifenburg suggested that the fall might be a better time to get everyone together to inventory their gear, label, etc. If there is gear out there that has not been turned in by former members; we may need to send a letter out.
- Open House at Station #2 and wetdown for new truck was held on Saturday, July 14, 2007. Numerous fire companies attended and residents of the town.
- Physicals – Commissioner Bauer asked if personal doctors are going to meet the criteria for physicals of interior firefighters. Chief Saulpaugh suggested that interior firefighters should go to Dr. Silvernail in order to be rated for what jobs they can do. Fire Police could get a physical done by their own doctor. Commissioner Seymour agrees that an in-house doctor should do interior firefighters and support personnel use their own doctor. It was also suggested that a check off sheet could be provided. Chief Saulpaugh had a sample form used by Livingston Family Practice for the physicals they are doing. It was generally agreed that interior firefighters should use our doctor. The rate charged by Dr. Silvernail is \$100.00 per physical and he won't come down for one or two guys. It was suggested that physicals be done between January and February. Chairman Rifenburg will work with Commissioner Seymour to revise the form, rating for interior, fireground and honorary firefighters, and bring

to next months meeting. Commissioner Bauer asked if there are age groups for interior firefighters, as well, and there are.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Larsen asked if firefighters are fit tested for Scot air paks every year? Firefighters are to be tested on July 30th at 6:30 P.M. The Scot paks are certified every year. Chief Saulpaugh was asked to give a copy of the tests that are done to the Commissioners to keep on file

Assistant Chief Ron Seymour stated that after the recent storm, which brought down trees and electric wires, they were standing in traffic for nine hours directing traffic around the scene. He would like to see a letter sent to agencies advising them that after one hour if DOT or National Grid do not take over the scene, the road will be closed and traffic detoured.

A letter will be drafted by Chairman Rifenburg, Chief Saulpaugh and Assistant Chief Seymour to 911 and the Board of Supervisors that the Fire Company will direct traffic for one hour at the scene of a flooded road or power outage. After one hour, traffic will be detoured to the nearest road and the scene will be cleared. This will have an effective date of January 1, 2008. This will be the policy for traffic control for non-fire related or life threatening events. Will need the proper signs/cones that will direct traffic for road closure/detour.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief requested taking two trucks out of the district on July 28th for the Greenport Parade. A motion was made to approve by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Seymour. All in favor. So carried.

Chief requested taking two trucks to a drill in Hudson on August 12. A motion was made to approve by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

A forestry grant for \$1000 was applied for and received.

Equipment Request:

1. On board charger and blow off for electric line – used unit \$350 installed includes charger for dual batteries and kick off. New is \$400 for charger and \$200 on blow off plus installation, by Ralph Torchia. Assistant Chief Seymour feels that a used charger would not be detrimental.
2. Deck gun for \$1200 and extender for \$200.00.
Chairman Rifenburg would like two prices for deck gun.
3. Suggested getting three fittings from 4 inch to 5 inch, there should be two on each truck.
4. Frames for road closed/detour signs. Chief Saulpaugh will check prices.
5. Would like to purchase a charger for Truck 601 for \$250.

A motion was made to approve purchase by Commissioner Seymour, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

Calls for month of June:

1. AAPI – 6/13/07 Route 9
2. Wire Down – 6/16/07 Nevis Road
3. AAPI – 6/18/07 Route 9G, unfounded
4. AAPI – 6/18/07 Route 9G and Firehouse Road

Total man-hours – 31.28 hours

Drill – NIMS training

There are two more weeks of EVOC training. There are two in the class, ages 17 and 19, who do not have the experience to drive the trucks but instructor will let them take the test in a supervised controlled area.

There was discussion on what to do with the \$3001 received from the sale of Truck #603. Chairman Rifenburgh asked if there was any major equipment purchase that needs to be made. Chief Saulpaugh said that new gear will be needed for new members. For the time being, will put the \$3001 in the general account until end of year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seymour, seconded by Commissioner Larsen to spend \$500 for new fittings. All in favor. So carried.

An application for membership was received for Christina Saulpaugh , Route 9, approved on 7/9/07. The vote by the Company was 18 yes, 0 no. A motion was made to accept application by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

An application was received for Garret Rifenburgh, Banks Lane, approved on 7/9/07. The vote by the Company was 18 yes – 0 no. A motion was made to accept the application by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Seymour. All in favor. So carried.

Letters will be written to Garret Rifenburgh and Christina Saulpaugh to acknowledge acceptance into the Fire District and advising that they must get a physical before they can become active members.

A motion was made to pay the bills by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Seymour, seconded by Commissioner Larsen. All in favor. So carried.

Respectfully submitted,

