

Fly Creek Fire Commissioners' Meeting  
811 County Highway 26, Fly Creek, New York  
DRAFT April 17, 2024

Present: Keith Dickison, Sam Hoskins, Paul Kehoe, Anthony Kroker, Elizabeth Staffin, Pamela Deane (Treasurer), Claire Kepner (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

The bills were reviewed this evening between 6:30 and 7:00

**Minutes** Approved with the correction "Prior to the meeting start, the bills will be reviewed at 6:30"

Dickison made the motion, second by Kroker. Hoskins, Kehoe, Staffin voted yes.

**Correspondence:** Company Minutes for April 6, 2024 received

<b>Treasurers Report:</b> Balance Forward	494,140.10
Bills Paid	30,407.24
Interest/ deposit/ Total	400.00
Current balance	433,132.86

Trailer License Plates have been turned in – None refundable

The AUD has been completed.

The Fire Company is to be reimbursed \$23.96 – added to previous reimbursement of 11.98.

**BILLS**

Archer Garage Openers	4,209.00
Harbor Point Energy	996.77
NBT Bank	21,781.25
Image Trend	1,092.73
Spectrum	277.95
Fly Creek Fire Company	35.94
Putnam Pest Control	35.00

Town of Otsego	264.19
Stryker	1,471.35
Hummel's	267.02

Tony Kroker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Keith Dickison and approved by Hoskins, Kehoe, Staffin.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Betty Staffin, second by Paul Kehoe and approved by Hoskins, Kroker and Dickison.

**Chief's Report:** Steve Baker, Chief, is now Highway Superintendent of the Town of Exeter and due to time commitments he will take Commissioner's Training ASAP.

- New member Darleen Roe, a former Firefighter will be with the Fire Police and the Auxiliary after her approval from the company. Tony Kroker made a motion to accept her as a member, second by Keith Dickison and approved by Staffin, Kehoe, and Hoskins.
- There were 6 calls
- Member Marvin Mulford had a stroke and is in the Cooperstown Center for rehab
- A control burn was held at the Fly Creek Cider Mill
- A fire hose was damaged at a fire and had to be destroyed
- Two members have signed up for training in Syracuse put on by the Association of Fire Districts. The cost is \$660.00 times two plus mileage and accommodations Jeff Staub took Basic Fire Fighter training at the cost of \$40.00
- Procurement forms will be handed in for new gear for Lenny Pashley and Dani Dayton at the cost of \$8929.00. They were fitted and still need helmets.
- Fire Nozzle for the UTV – a direct-bore is needed at the cost of \$740.00
- A motion to approve the purchases from Lion Gear was made by **Sam Hoskins and seconded by Keith Dickinson. Approved by Staffin, Kehoe and Kroker.**

**Engineers Report:** The nozzle on the Cascade System broke and needs to be replaced with a quick connect nozzle.

Service of the trucks - Engine 12 needs inspection and the transmission may have problems

**EMS Report:** Two members are taking the exam – Dani Dayton and Whalen

**Auxiliary Report:** Captain Patty Schultz reported that equipment has been ordered. And the LAST payment on the ambulance has been made.

**Fire Police:** Training has been offered and members are taking it.

**Safety:** Junior members must not be in a burning building and are to stay away from dangerous areas (Hot Spots) and items. They are to stay safe. Social Media guidelines were also reviewed. The Commissioners wanted to know how many Junior Firefighters there are and were advised 3 in the 14-17 age bracket: Whalen, Lucy and Kalen. Two more potential members have put in their applications.

A motion to accept the reports was made by Betty Staffin, second by Tony Kroker and approved by all.

**Old Business:** Sam Hoskins advised that the truck Service Records are now put together and one truck will go in tomorrow for service.

- Garage doors – The estimate to put seals on the bottom of the 3 doors is \$1,034.00. Keith Dickison made a motion to approve the purchase, second by Paul Kehoe and approved by Kroker, Staffin and Hoskins.
- The vote for the Capital Reserve Fund needs to be scheduled. Before the vote a Public Hearing must be held.
- Sexual Harassment Training needs to be completed by Betty Staffin and Paul Kehoe.
- Fire Commissioner Training will be held at Turningstone in October at the State Meeting.
- Paper Shredding – April 27<sup>th</sup> at Omegang Brewery – no limit. Sam Hoskins to take a truck load.
- Historical Committee; History of Fly Creek Fire District is almost complete.
- Mini-Splits – Four bids were received and Harbor Point was the best but is not ready to do it at the moment.

**New Business:** Members of the Fire Company nominated and voted for officers for the next year. Nominated and approved by Company members were Chief- Steve Baker; First Assistant Chief- Adam Kantor; Second Assistant Chief- Jess Lanza; Third Assistant Chief- Lenny Pashley; Equipment Engineer- Dani Dayton; President- Joan Kegelman; Vice President- Ruth Bennet-Kitchen; Treasurer- Joan Kegelman; Secretary- Cassidy Lent; Fire Police Captain- John Phillips

Sam Hoskins made a motion to accept the nomination of Officers, second by Tony Kroker and approved.

- Parking lot – Needs to be sealed – bids need to be sought. Gifford Paving was suggested.
- Bathroom floor – The tiles are lifting and flooring needs to be replaced.
- Carpets need cleaning; it has been years since the last cleaning.
- Stove gas line needs to have a valve installed upstairs – presently turn off valve is in the basement.

- Tony Kroker had an email from the Fly Creek Area Historic Society requesting the use of the sign to advertise their Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, May 4. All Commissioners approved.

**Public Comment:** A question was asked about who is responsible for accidents during Mutual Aid calls. The Insurance Coverage for another Department having an accident and our insurance had to cover it was in question. If we call another Company out for Mutual-Aid Coverage – even stand-by – we are responsible. But if another Company that is on stand-by calls another company to stand-by for them and they have the accident– we are NOT responsible.

**At 7:58 PM Betty Staffin made a motion to adjourn, second by Tony Kroker and approved by Hoskins, Kehoe and Dickison.**

**Next Meeting** May 16, 2024, 7PM with review of bills at 6:30