

Fly Creek Fire Commissioners Meeting
811 County Hwy 26, Fly Creek, New York
DRAFT October 19, 2023

Present: Keith Dickison, Sam Hoskins, Edward Kukenberger, Elizabeth Staffin, Pamela Deane (Treasurer), Claire Kepner (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Minutes

Keith Dickison made a motion to accept the minutes as published, second by Ed Kukenberger and approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

Letter from the state re: Ambulance Service
Bank of Green County advertisement
Company Minutes were received from 10-17-23

Treasurers Report: Balance Forward	374,194.79
Bills Paid	15,747.04
Current Balance	358,447.75
CD Checking	55,119.90
Checking Balance	36,646.75
CD Savings	266,681.10
Total	358,447.75
Total Remaining Budget	91,331.83

Betty Staffin made a motion to accept the report second by Keith Dickison and approved unanimously

Bills: Fly Creek Fire Company	Building	100.00
Fly Creek Fire Company	2% Insurance check	10,149.96
Fly Creek Fire District	2% Insurance Check	(10,149.96)
Jess Lanza	Building	636.76
Putnam Pest Control	Building	70.00
Royal Ford Motors	Truck Maintenance	20.00
D'Amato Law	Legal Fees	7,390.87
Copy Shop Plus	Building	185.59
Hughson & Benson	Insurance	36.00

Town Of Otsego	Truck Fuel	278.12
Morris-Croker LLC	Safety Equipment	7,047.60
Sunny Webshop	Building	10.00
Fly Creek Post Office	Misc	66.00
Spectrum	Cable	137.97
Harbor Point Energy	Fuel & Heating	268.13
CK never Cashed	Stipend	(500.00)
TOTAL		15,747.04

Betty Staffin made a motion to pay the bills that was second by Keith Dickison and approved unanimously.

Chief's Report:

- Steve Baker reported the company received certificates at the FASNY dinner for 75th Anniversary.
- Members are returning (Welcome back Henry and Troy Hight, Ed Hobbie)
- Shirley Dickison resigned
- Glen Morrison resigned: no longer lives in Otsego County
- A class on Battery emergencies and storage was held
- Patches are available for all who wish one
- Holiday party needs to be planned
- The company has enough money from the UTV trailer raffle account and other funds to purchase trailer
- Fire calls 8
- Chris Kegelman went to a symposium put on by FDNY on firefighting and EMS
- Steve Harris on Wileytown Road is putting a dry hydrant with the fire company,
- Fire Police gear – replacements are needed due to age of equipment and new members. One price was \$1,400.00 for one set.
- The New engineer, Dani, is getting up to speed.
- EMS: There were 6 calls and 2 were responded to. 5 were in Cooperstown. October 23 a CPR class is to be held
- October 23 A dinner will be held including Milford, Cooperstown and Fly Creek.
- Auxiliary: working on reviving.
- Fire Police: Electric vehicle class was well worth it.

- Community Holiday Celebration with Santa and Caroling to be held Sunday, December 10, starting at 4PM

Motions to approve the Chief's report were made by Sam Hoskins and Keith Dickison ,approved unanimously,

Old Business:

- Budget: Keith Dickison made a motion to adopt the proposed 2024 Annual Budget of \$197,193.00 . Betty Staffin second the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Policies – Still working on them
- Water Treatment – Culligan tested and reported softner is working fine and suggested a bacterial test. Chlorinating system will be upgraded which should treat any bacteria.
- Basement was cleaned. 2 oil tanks and fill pipes have been removed.
- Oil Burner and electric hot water heater have been removed and new propane units are installed. The propane units supply on demand hot water. Four estimates for a mini split system were received.
- Audit – Waiting on Meg Kiernan
- Camera System – Sam proposed hiring Michael Grampp to put in outside cameras with recording for 30 days. The cost is about \$1500.00. Two other vendors, ADT Syracuse and Central Security Herkimer ,were contacted and failed to provide any offer. Sam Hoskins made a motion to hire Mr. Grampp, second by Keith Dickison and all approved.
- Fire truck – Still Looking
- Access to building – Door and lock need replacement. 3 estimates received. Sam Hoskins made a motion to have J&M from Utica do the job at the cost of \$5994.00. Second by Keith Dickison and unanimously approved. It will take 10 to 14 weeks to receive after order is placed
- Outside outlet – Conduit needs to be placed from the building to the sign (for future electric sign and tree lighting). An outside outlet on the corner of the building will also be installed . Keith Dickison made a motion to approve \$550.00 for the cost of the conduit, second by Betty Staffin and all approved.

New Business

- Reserve Funds - Greg Serio, our attorney, will help with this.
- The CD rollover was signed . We agreed to 7 month CD's at 5.2 %
- The commissioners approved the appointment of Liz Susman, Cassidy Lent and Kathy Snyder as ballot clerks for the election on December 12th. Sam Hoskins made a motion to approve the ballot clerks; approve a time change to 5PM -9PM and to provide the workers with food. We will also place the Capital reserve funds on the ballot for voter approval. This was second by Ed Kukenberger and approved unanimously.
- Tom Swatling dug the trench for the gas line as a community service for which the commissioners are very grateful
- Sam thanked Ed Hobbie for his 40 years of construction knowledge that has helped with the current work on the building.
- Thanks to the Fly Creek Methodist Church for the luncheon recognizing the Fire Company and Commissioners for their community contributions.

Public Comment:

Connie Hobbie stated the community has a lot to thank the Commissioners for all their hard work in stabilizing the District and building.

Next Meeting November 15, 2023 7PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Kepner

Secretary