

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday May 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the AAACC at 4 Green Street, Cuba, New York.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark.

- The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Wayne Butts – present, Lee Clark – present, Mike Johnson – present, Tab Loftis – present, Doug Rettig, Sr. – present, Treasurer Carolyn Root – present.

Others present: Chief Nick Sweet, CFD President John Wilson, Justin Sweet, Aaron Appleby, Dave Hardman.

Reading of the minutes from previous meeting:

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting:

Motion by Mike Johnson, 2nd by Wayne Butts, to approve the April 2019 minutes as presented.

Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Treasurer:

1. Treasurer's report by: Carolyn Root:

Motion by Tab Loftis, 2nd by Mike Johnson to approve the Treasurer's report.

Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

2. Presentation of bills: Following an audit of the Abstract and vouchers by the Board, there was a ***Motion by Tab Loftis, 2nd by Mike Johnson, to order the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented, covering vouchers EC 19-159 and vouchers 19-2018 thru 19-2024 in the amount of \$4,355.88***

Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

3. Presentation of the monthly audit of vouchers and accounts by Doug Rettig, Sr.
Motion by Wayne Butts, 2nd by Mike Johnson, to approve the audit.

Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Chief's report by: Chief Nick Sweet:

1. Chief's report read and on file.

- a. ***Motion by Wayne Butts, 2nd by Tab Loftis to allow any member(s) who wanted to expend the time and effort to disable the surplused lengths of large diameter hose stored behind the fire hall by cutting off the non-compliant couplings and dispose of all pieces could keep any income received from their efforts.***

- i. NOTE: Both the fire department officers and District Commissioners have tried for several months to dispose of this hose and have been unable to even give it away.

2. Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

3. Incident report read and on file – 5 alarms during the month of March.

Correspondence:

1. Membership: None
2. Chairman Clark reported that the District had received a thank you card from the fire department for the lease payment.

Reports of Committees:

1. Grants by Mike Johnson – reported that he had looked at the most recent grant list but did not see any the District could qualify for.
2. Truck committee by Doug Rettig, Sr. – several members of the committee went to Pulteney to view their 4 Guys built pumper/rescue unit. The cabinet layout was well done and is what Cuba wants to duplicate.

Timothy Norris from Extreme Fire Apparatus attended the May meeting to discuss options and possible costs with the committee. His initial price for the items discussed was \$464,666.85 but he also had several items that he would have to research and get back to us on added cost.

The Officers are still working on list of equipment to be carried on the new truck in order to estimate required cabinet space and weight.

There was considerable discussion regarding the possibility of getting a used truck over purchasing a new custom-built unit.

Motion by Doug Rettig, Sr., 2nd by Mike Johnson to send Tab Loftis to go to the Harrisburg show a day early to meet with Command Fire Apparatus and look at some used trucks they have in stock to see if any of them might work for us.

Vote: 4 Aye, 1 Nay (Butts), Motion carried.

There was also some discussion on setting a budget figure but no decision was reached on this.

3. Inventory, Training and Computers by Tab Loftis – 3 fire department members have been sent letters for lack of required training hours – no response back yet.
4. Medical by Doug Rettig, Sr. – there have been 2 annual physical sessions held by Occustar so far, report from Occustar is expected shortly.
5. Policies by Mike Johnson – plans for NY State mandated sexual harassment training are almost complete. Secretary Rettig, Sr. will try to remove the word “DRAFT” from the master policy template supplied by the State that the District adopted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Chairman Clark reported that he has not heard anything from the Seneca Nation regarding his letter to them regarding a fire protection agreement for the old Tracewell property.
2. Secretary Rettig, Sr. reported that the Minutes book was up to date up to and including the March 2019 minutes, and as soon as the year tabs were installed the book would reside in the District office desk.

New Business: None

Open Forum: None

Executive Session: Not required.

Reading of the Minutes:

Motion by Lee Clark, 2nd by Wayne Butts, to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Motion by Tab Loftis, 2nd. by Mike Johnson, to adjourn.

Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Rettig, Sr. Secretary