

**The Cuba Joint Fire District held a Special Meeting at 6:00 PM on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 in the Cuba Village Hall, 17 East Main 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.

Others present: None

**Purpose of this meeting is to discuss the current status of the Fire District apparatus fleet and possible funding paths to replacement.**

**General Discussion:**

NOTE: Based on an email vote by the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Rettig had been authorized to contact the Fire District Attorney prior to this meeting for some advance information relating to the possibility of the District issuing a 20-year Bond as one avenue to pursue.

A short slide presentation was viewed that showed the age, original cost, repair costs and possible replacement costs of the existing apparatus, as well as some preliminary information on the bonding process.

Current District policy has been to follow a cash only method of replacement but current indications – based on the current Truck Committee investigation – is showing that this policy will not enable the District to get the current ageing apparatus replaced in a timely manner.

Apparatus costs are increasing at approximately 4% per year and a \$250,000 pumper purchased 20 years ago is now in the neighborhood of \$500,000. A basic aerial is in the million-dollar range.

Current Insurance ratings for Fire District residents are based on the availability of 2 pumpers with 3,000 gallons of water, and an aerial.

The possibility of a bond for 1.25 million dollars± that would allow the purchase of a pumper/rescue and a replacement aerial was discussed. Current Reserve funds would also be used as necessary.

Preliminary figures indicated that such a bond could be afforded by the District, and still allow for some reserve accumulations. The up-front cost of a Bond issue are not yet known.

***Motion by Tab Loftis, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Wayne Butts, to further investigate the cost and requirements for the District to issue a bond to purchase a new pumper/rescue unit, and an aerial comparable to our current unit.***

Aye: 5, NAY: 0, Motion Carried

Further discussion will be held at the October 2019 regular meeting.

***Motion by Wayne Butts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Johnson, to adjourn.***

Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Rettig, Sr. Secretary