

The Cuba Joint Fire District held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday October 15, 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 – Excused, Doug Rettig, Sr. – present, Treasurer Carolyn Root – present.

Motion by Lee Clark, 2nd by Mike Johnson, to excuse Commissioner Loftis due to work.

Vote: Aye: 4, Nay: 0, Motion: Carried

Others present: CFD Chief Nick Sweet, 2nd Assistant Chief Justin Sweet, Dave Hardman, Allegany County Director of Emergency Management and Fire Jeff Luckey.

Chairman Clark opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2020 Budget.

Reading of the minutes from previous meeting:

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the August 14, 2019 meeting:

Motion by Wayne Butts, 2nd by Mike Johnson, to dispense with the reading of the September 11, 2019 and October 3, 2019 minutes and approve them as presented.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Treasurer:

1. Treasurer's report by: Carolyn Root:
2. Presentation of bills: Following an audit of the Abstract and vouchers by the Board, there was a **Motion by Mike Johnson, 2nd by Wayne Butts, to accept the Treasurer's Report and to order the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented, covering regular vouchers #19-2046 thru 19-2052 in the amount of \$6,392.51.**

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

3. Presentation of the monthly audit of vouchers and accounts by Doug Rettig, Sr.

Motion by Mike Johnson, 2nd by Wayne Butts, to approve the audit.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Chief's report by: Chief Nick Sweet:

1. Chief's report read and on file.

Motion by Mike Johnson, 2nd by Wayne Butts, to replace the pole lights on Cuba 1 with LED assemblies at a cost of \$2,797.18.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

2. Incident Report reviewed and on file. 6 calls for the month of July.

Communications:

1. Membership: The fire department submitted the name of Dustin Holly for membership.

Motion by Mike Johnson, 2nd by Wayne Butts, to approve Dustin Holly as a member.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Reports of Committees:

1. Apparatus and Equipment Maintenance (Butts):
 - a. Cuba 1 would be going to Portville Truck tomorrow to have the Code 20 looked at.
 - b. Cuba 7 prime pump has been replaced.
 - c. Cuba 9 is still waiting for a price on its generator repair.
 - d. Cuba 6 – Chief Sweet to look into price for a new generator.
2. Grants by Mike Johnson – nothing received yet regarding the last application.
3. Truck committee by Doug Rettig, Sr.: Commissioner Rettig reported on a Special Meeting that was held by the Board on October 3, 2019 to discuss the possibility of bonding the purchase of 2 new trucks to bring the apparatus fleet up to date in a

timelier manner. It was pointed out at this meeting that trying to replace the apparatus on a cash purchase basis is not really feasible.

The Fire District Attorney is contacting area Bond Underwriters to find out the cost of doing this. Commissioner Rettig is also going to check with local banks on possible financing thru them.

Dave Hardman mentioned that leasing was gaining favor in the Fire Service.

Motion by Wayne Butts, 2nd by Mike Johnson to table the topic of bonding pending further information and to also investigate leasing as an alternative.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Chairman Clark closed the Public Hearing on the FY 2020 Proposed Budget at 7:30pm.
Motion by Doug Rettig, Sr., 2nd by Mike Johnson, that, in the absence of any comments or objections during the Public Hearing, that the FY 2020 Proposed Budget be adopted as presented.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, Motion carried.

2. A robust discussion between the Board of Commissioners and Director Luckey regarding the problems with how the fire calls are being dispatched by the 911 Center, as discussed by the Cuba Joint Fire District Commissioners with Legislators Healy and Ricci last month, basically pointed out that the 911 Center will do as they please despite objections from the Fire Service.

Director Luckey did invite any Commissioner who would like to watch the 911 Center in operation to contact his office.

New Business: None

Open Forum: Nothing

Executive Session: None

Reading of the minutes:

Motion by Doug Rettig, Sr., 2nd by Mike Johnson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Rettig, Sr., 2nd by Mike Johnson, to adjourn.

Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Rettig, Sr. Secretary