

**Centerville Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
PO Box 84  
Saugerties, NY 12477  
July 24, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Centerville Fire District was called to order on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:55pm by Chairman Randy Ricks. Present were Commissioners Tim Harris, Zach Harris, Sean McKenna and Tom Swart. Also present: Chief John Lowrey, Deputy Chief John Heppner, and Station Chiefs Brian Ellsworth and Mike Ivino. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for departed members.

A motion to recess at 7:58pm to go into executive session by T. Harris and seconded by Swart, all in favor. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:17 pm.

Previous month's minutes were read by LOSAP Administrator Gary Rossi. Motion to accept by Commissioner Z. Harris, second by McKenna, all in favor.

Correspondence: A letter from Kim Duford's physician extending her medical leave. A letter from Gene Reese's doctor stating that he will out on medical until further notice. A return to duty form for Rich Decker.

Read and approved previous months expenses and Treasurer's Report by Gary Rossi, as well as bill pay. Motion to accept by Commissioner T. Harris, second by Swart, all in favor. See attached.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Purchasing:** Hydrant bag for Tanker 1, forestry hose and rakes for Brush 2 were purchased.
- **Boundaries & Budgets:** 2024 Preliminary budget was distributed to all Commissioners. To be discussed at the August meeting.
- **Communications:** APX radios updated with identifiers, HP's to be done next. Officers need to decide on identifiers for mobiles. Issue with Tanker 2 mobile low band. It will be swapped with a low band in inventory. There was discussion concerning high bands that the county is holding.
- **Truck Maintenance:** See attached.
- **Insurance & Legal:** Litigation on the Tanker 1 accident is ongoing. Discussion on the claim for Car 4.
- **District Chief John Lowrey** – 13 calls June, 128 year to date. Car 1 is back in service. Three members have passed FF1 boot camp and the National Fire Fighters Exam. July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was well attended. Thirteen members attended the Lithium battery class in Woodstock. The struts and air bag demo and first responder night went well. The MSA air bottles are out of date for static test. All RIT packs will be removed from the trucks.
- **Deputy Chief John Heppner** – High band programming is ongoing. Inventory will be ported from Red Alert to I Am Responding.
- **Station Chief Mike Ivino** – Reiteration that three members passed FF1 Boot Camp and that their leadership skills were evident. An estimate for the bumper damage to Car 4 from Starr is coming. The recent rope drill went well, new rope gear has been obtained and more is coming. New Rescue 1 meetings are ongoing. A team for the Hope Rocks softball tournament is being formed. There were 52 donors at the July 17 blood drive at Cedar Grove. The blood center would like to hold another drive at Cedar Grove in the fall.
- **Station Chief Brian Ellsworth** – AED's will be service in August.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business –**

- A quote for lettering for Car1 has been obtained.
- A motion by Z. Harris and seconded by T. Harris to purchase a new door key pad for Cedar Grove so that the keys pads at both stations all match, all in favor.
- Quotes on extrication equipment were reviewed. The matter was tabled.
- A motion by Swart and seconded by T Harris to proceed with the restore of the sever, all in favor. The restore will take approximately six hours at a charge of \$150.00 per hour.

**Public Comment** – There was discussion on the cost of sending members to FF1 and what action is taken for those who drop out.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:05pm** – Motion by Commissioner Z. Harris, second by T. Swart, all in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Recording Secretary,  
Amy DiCesare