

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

October 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Danby Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Westmiller at 7:30 pm on October 8, 2013 at the West Danby Fire Station

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners: Gene Beavers  
Ralph Bowles  
Bill Halton  
Richard Oltz  
Wayne Westmiller

Officers: Deanna Bowles, Secretary Treasurer  
John Gaden, Danby Chief  
Scott Wendt, W. Danby Chief  
Tony Carlisle, Asst. W. Danby Chief

Public: Mary Beavers

### **MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bowles moved to approve the minutes for Sep. 11, 2013 and Sep. 17, 2013 as printed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Oltz and carried with all in favor.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Oltz moved to approve the treasurer's report and to pay Abstract 10 General Fund claims 200-219 in the amount of \$27,160.80. Motion seconded by Commissioner Halton and carried with all in favor.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The following communications were received:

- G&H Fire Extinguishers' quote for hood system service. Chief Gaden reported Federal Safety will also quote;
- Empire Tractor Stihl Fireman's Night October 10, 2013 from 6:30 pm-9 pm;
- Personnel Concepts labor law revision information. By consensus, the District will purchase the labor law poster from Intuit at \$70.39 which includes all necessary revisions for 12 months instead of renewing with Personnel Concepts;
- True Insurance ESIP Accident & Health Insurance Proposal for a cost of \$1943. It was agreed by consensus to continue insurance with ESIP;
- NYSVARA Conference in Suffern, NY October 17-20, 2013.

### **COMMITTEES:**

### **PURCHASING:**

Helmets, Volkit Escape Kits, and fan ordered from LaFrance Equipment Corp. have not been received to-date.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

Commissioner Halton reported the applications for NYSERDA Energy Audits have been submitted. Commissioner Halton moved to set appointments for the energy audits. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmiller and carried with all in favor. Commissioner Halton noted that funds for energy improvement may be available.

Commissioner Halton presented savings for both fire stations with solar energy systems from Commercial Solar PPA by Solar Liberty. Commissioner Beavers moved to arrange for contracts pending approval by our attorney. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmiller and carried with all in favor. Commissioner Halton will follow-up on the contract.

Danby Fire Station:

The boiler quit and is being repaired by Climate Control Technologies with new controls and an air proving switch.

Chief Gaden will contact Westbrook Enterprises to arrange installing the exterior LED lights

West Danby Fire Station:

The daily siren alarm has been silenced to help save energy. Chief Wendt plans to test it 1ce per week.

Chief Wendt will contact HSC for furnace service.

Chief Wendt reported that the station has been found unlocked after Broom Hilda's Cleaning Service has been there. Secretary Treasurer will remind the cleaning service to lock the door when leaving.

**INSURANCE:**

McNeil & Co. Arch Insurance Policy Change #3 received deleting coverage on new trucks until the District takes delivery. The trucks are presently insured by 4-Guys.

**TRUCKS:**

421 had air lines and fan belts replaced by Caskey's Garage. The air lines failed after replacement and fan belts broke while training with 421 at Jennings Pond and Rick & Rich Towing was called. 421 was returned to Caskey's for repair and is back in service. Caskey's agreed to pay the Rick & Rich towing bill. Due to being out of service, the hose and ladder testing was not done as scheduled and will be re-scheduled for later this month. Pump Testing will be done tomorrow.

441` was towed to Maguire's for a new starter.

1441 has a transmission problem and will go to Caskey's Garage tomorrow.

1421 went to Caskey's Garage for maintenance and NYS Inspection.

401, 1401 and 1421 Ladder Testing and Hose Testing were completed.

The Truck Committee attended a pre-paint inspection per contract with 4-Guys. Chief Gaden reported a \$5750 addition offset by a \$5108 deletion, resulting in an additional \$250 for both trucks. Commissioner Westmiller moved to adopt a resolution to approve the change orders with a cost of \$250.00. Commissioner Halton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Gaden reported that the 28' ladder on 401 will not fit on the new truck and requested an additional \$400 for ladder purchase in his Equipment Budget. Commissioner Westmiller moved to adopt a resolution to transfer \$400 from A3410.2 Contractual to A3410.2 Equipment. Commissioner Halton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissionr Beavers	No
Commissioner Bowles	Yes
Commissioner Halton	Yes
Commissioner Oltz	Yes
Commissioner Westmiller	Yes

The motion carried with 4 Yes and 1 No.

**TOWN BOARD:**

No report

**RECORDS:**

No report

**POLICY:**

No report

**TRUCK BOND:**

Commissioner Halton reported he was unable to get a commitment for the private loan offer. Commissioner Halton moved to adopt a resolution to accept the offer from The Bank of Greene County for 15 years at 3.75%. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with all in favor. Secretary Treasurer Bowles will inform The Bank of Greene County that the District accepts their 15 year bond offer.

**TRAINING:**

Commissioner Westmiller moved to approve a request by Jonnathan VanEtten and Jeffrey England for Fire Police Training at the Public Safety Building in Schuyler County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Oltz and carried with all in favor.

**BUDGET:**

No report.

**CHIEFS REPORTS:**

DVFC:

A written report was received for September.

Chief Gaden reported he recently discovered the last 3 years of training attendance records are missing from a locked file cabinet that had been broken into last year. The break-in was reported to the District on November 13, 2012. Chief Gaden reported the missing records to the NYS Police and will obtain a written report.

WDFD:

No written reports were received.

Secretary Treasurer Bowles will send contact information to Chief Wendt to re-install FIREHOUSE Software on the West Danby computer. The program was removed during recent service.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Bowles  
Secretary