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Date: 8/30/23

Present: Chairman Sean McHale; Commissioners, Bill Blunden, Norman Barkley; Tyler Clemons; Fire Chief Brian Draper; Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Putney

Absent: Commissioners Michael Clouch

1. Meeting Opened: Chairman Sean McHale opened the meeting at 6:01PM.
2. Guest Speaker: N/A
3. Public Forum: Moment of silence for the passing of Dave Broyles, past member, head fire driver and commissioner.
4. Approve Minutes: Motion made by Norman Barkley, seconded by Tyler Clemons to approve the July meeting minutes with a correction on the attendance. Bill Blunden was absent from the July meeting. No opposed, motion carried.
5. Correspondence: N/A
6. Old Business:
 - A. Ladder Truck Update – projected date of the swivel to ship was 8/23. Pierce is going to pin the swivel so all the wiring is ready to go. Just waiting on the part.
 - B. Drone Project – Brian Draper spoke with Fire Coordinator in Oswego County. Their information is a little different than what we've been told before. They said not to do online testing/certification, that these can be a gimmick. Members need to do the testing in person. Jeremy Tripp is also getting more information together. Preliminary budget work shows there probably won't be money available for the drone next year. This gives us time to make sure we are doing everything correctly and finding the correct drone for our needs.
 - C. Policy Updates – Brian Draper has obtained a copy of the town of Watertown equipment policy that is more in depth than our policy. Will get back to this at the next meeting.
7. New Business:
 - A. 2024 Budget – Our next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, in order to meet the requirement of adopting the budget 21 days prior to the budget hearing. The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 17. Health insurance rates have increased so we will be looking into other options. We will also be shopping around for liability/cancer insurance as well.
 - B. Solar Farms/Lithium Batteries – There are concerns with the solar farm fire in Chaumont. There have been a total of 3 solar farm fires in NY this year. There will soon be a solar farm near the Natural Bridge area. Tyler Clemons will check to see if there is any type of class or training in the area for this type of

fire.

8. Finances: (See Financial Approvals)
 - A. Adjustments – N/A
 - B. Treasurer’s Report- Beginning balance was \$625,994.32 plus \$33.87 interest. Total expenditures for the month including bills and payroll were \$73,862.54 leaving a spendable balance of \$552,165.65. *Reserve Fund Balances: #1-Turnout Gear \$13,785.86; #2-Pumper \$10,960.55; #3-Repair \$21,861.03; #4-Aerial \$81,073.31; #5-SCBA \$60,170.20*
9. Chief/Head Fire Driver Report: (see approvals) A quote has been obtained to restore the sidewalk surrounding the fire hall. Thesier’s came in at \$24k meaning the District would have to go out to bid to proceed with this plan. Quotes on side walk replacement were given by Bauter & Sons at \$6,670.00; B&T Construction at \$9,000.00; Aaron Netto at \$15,000.00. Quotes for parking lot sealing were give by Deluxe Sealcoating at \$8,800.00; Roes Lawn Care at \$9,000.00; Gary Doney at \$9,239.19. The roof on the shed has been re-shingled. Will move onto the garage to finish siding, fix the door and heating.
10. Executive Session: N/A
11. Adjourn: Motion made by Tyler Clemons, seconded by Norman Barkley, to adjourn at 6:38PM. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVALS/MOTIONS:

- Motion made by Bill Blunden, seconded by Tyler Clemons, to take the lowest quote for both the sidewalk replacement and parking lot sealing and proceed with both projects. No opposed, motion carried.

FINANCIAL APPROVALS:

- Motion made by Bill Blunden, seconded by Norman Barkley, to approve the monthly bills, payroll, and line item adjustments as documented and reported by the treasurer and reviewed by the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Excellus health insurance \$5,392.90 monthly

Guardian Dental Insurance \$169.19 monthly

Jessica Putney, Secretary/Treasurer

Carthage-Wilna Fire District