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Date: 3/27/24

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

Absent: Commissioner Tyler Clemons

1. Meeting Opened: Chairman Sean McHale opened the meeting at 6:00PM.
2. Guest Speaker: N/A
3. Public Forum: N/A
4. Approve Minutes: Motion made by Jeremy Tripp, seconded by Norman Barkley to approve the February meeting minutes as written. No opposed, motion carried.
5. Correspondence: Received new assessed building values from the Village of Carthage with an increase of \$127,000.00.
6. Old Business: (See Approvals)
 - A. Policy Updates – still working on these for both the District and the Fire Dept.
 - B. Grant Application – grant was submitted on March 7th through the FEMA online portal.
7. New Business:
 - A. Civil Service Exam Results – Drew Heise scored number three on the civil service exam so he is approved for employment.
8. Finances: (See Financial Approvals)
 - A. Adjustments – N/A
 - B. Treasurer’s Report- See Attached Balance Sheets.
9. Chief/Head Fire Driver Report: (See Approvals)

Would like to list the first set of jaws we ever purchased as a surplus item. They are still in good shape, but require routine maintenance. Brian Draper reached out to neighboring departments, Natural Bridge and Deferiet, to see if they are in need of a set. Natural Bridge is interested in taking them for their special ops vehicle, but we would rather give them to someone that is in greater need. Deferiet has an old set, so we would like to donate to the village of Deferiet. Brian Draper asked the village of Deferiet to send a letter requesting them; however it’s been a month with no word. The District will move forward with listing these for sale if Deferiet is not interested. The 2024 CAFDA Conference will be held in Lake George, NY on April 25th, 26th, and 27th. It will cost approximately \$800 per person to attend. Brian Draper, Sean McHale and Jeremy Tripp would like to go. Brian Draper is looking for approval to change the alarm monitoring service from Doyle to Security

Plus (Creg Systems) due to the rising annual cost as well as issues getting key fobs for the entry door. Security Plus will use the system that is already in place. It would be a savings of around \$200 per year. There will be a total solar eclipse on April 8th and there is a possibility of congestion in the area. We will have all three drivers on that day to be on stand-by as well as some volunteers. Ladder testing was Monday and it's still in service. There are two required repairs; the load minder needs to be calibrated again and the other repair is for the monitors on the end of the ladder for the water nozzle. The directional aim is backwards. There has been an individual that has generated around 71 EMS calls this year. The individual is always agitated; using profanity and name calling. Brian Draper has reached out to Ken Blankenbush's office in fear that it will start affecting the fire department volunteers response times. Mr. Blankenbush was in Albany at the time, but will look into it and see if there are any laws to help with this and see what other people have done in these situations. Also spoke to Melissa Lockwood, with NYS EMS. She's not sure if we are obligated to respond to these calls. She is going to double check on this. Met with CARS, since they are in more control. They are also working on this issue as it has the potential of tying up resources if there are multiple calls at the same time. Brian Draper will continue to collect information and we will look into drafting a policy for The District/Department.

10. Executive Session: N/A

11. Adjourn: Motion made by Bill Blunden, seconded by Norman Barkley, to adjourn at 7:11 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVALS/MOTIONS:

- Motion made by Bill Blunden, seconded by Norman Barkley, to list the old set of jaws as a surplus item and to move forward with donating them to a district in need or listing them for sale. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion made by Bill Blunden, seconded by Norman Barkley, to allow 3 people to attend the CAFDA Conference in Lake George, NY. No opposed, motion carried.
- Motion by Jeremy Tripp, seconded by Bill Blunden, to switch from Doyle to Security Plus for alarm monitoring service. No opposed, motion carried.
- Motion made by Jeremy Tripp, seconded by Bill Blunden, to have the fire department on standby for the address/person that is making unnecessary EMS calls and to make sure that no one is going alone out of concern for safety. Responders should also wear their vests when this individual is involved. All in favor, motion carried.
- New Members Approved by Board via Email on 3/22/24
 1. Janai Crmity
21242 Oxford St.
Carthage, NY 13619

2. Dorian Creutzburg

660 West End Ave.

Carthage, NY 13619

3. Sergio Mejia

204 North School St.

Carthage, NY 13619

FINANCIAL APPROVALS:

- Motion made by Norman Barkley, seconded by Jeremy Tripp, to move money to reserve funds as written in the 2024 budget. \$6,000 to turnout gear and \$10,000.00 to SCBA. No opposed, motion carried.
- 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 \$6,664.92 monthly

Guardian Dental Insurance \$174.09 monthly

Jessica Putney, Secretary/Treasurer

Carthage-Wilna Fire District