

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 13, 2019

Attending:	Kim Dickinson	2020	
	Don Girod	2019	Allison Girod, Secretary/Treasurer
	Ron Neal	2023	Paul Stang, Otto VFD President
	Stew Ritchie	2021	Joe Pocobello, 1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant
	Don Sinn	2022	Tony Riehle, Chief

1. Meeting opened at 7:40 pm
2. Motion to approve the July 2019 minutes: made by Stew, seconded by Kim, approved.
3. Treasurer's report:

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$958.05	0.10%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$38,159.69	0.20%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$61,099.11	0.20%
CCB savings – Air Tanks #1720052999	\$5,678.86	0.20%
CCB savings – Reserve #1720049513	\$15,836.05	0.20%
CCB Reserve CD #300000241	\$66,979.46	3.0%, matures 8/1/2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$188,711.22</b>	

Received the quarterly interest of \$504.55 for the Reserve CD

Bills paid since last meeting:

Ck #	Payment information	Amount
1750	OttoVFD -- annual lease of the firehall	\$5,205.00
1751	Otto VFD – NYS 2% fire tax	\$405.39
1752	Otto Auto – Otto8 inspection, oil change, air filter	\$158.65
1748	Verizon Wireless	\$13.18
1749	National Fuel - estimated	\$29.22
1753	Ethan Stang – reimbursement for conference expenses	\$36.00
1754	Tony Riehle - reimbursement for conference expenses	\$313.23
1755	Tony Riehle - reimbursement for motel at conference	\$228.97

Bills to pay

1756	USPS – 6 certified letters regarding sexual harassment training	\$41.80
1757	Checkforless – 300 checks	\$41.95
1758	Verizon Wireless	\$14.78
	National Fuel	\$13.10
	Tony Riehle – reimbursement for purchase of one gear bag	\$59.35
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$170.98</b>

The current bills were checked by all Commissioners. The reconciled July checking account statement, check images and paid bills were viewed by all Commissioners. Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills; made by Ron, seconded by Don S, approved.

## Old Business

4. Truck inspections – Ron has spoken with Ron Heim and plans to take some of the trucks there later in the week..
5. Sexual harassment training. Certified letters were sent to six active members who have not done the sexual harassment training. Shawn Phinney submitted a letter of resignation. Everyone else has been sent another letter saying that the training will be run again on Monday, August 19 at 6pm and reminding them that they will be moved to associate members if this training is not completed by October 15.
6. Pump testing. Paul has contacted Mr Fransen and he is willing to do the testing on a Saturday. Paul will try to schedule this and will try to get Cattaraugus involved too. It was decided that testing should be done in the back yard of the fire hall.

## New Business

7. Chief's Report (written)
  - Six gear bags and one set of boots were purchased at good prices at the June conference.
  - Tony wants to have a mobile radio installed in his truck. He has the radio. The department had previously decided to use SAIA instead of Eagle for radio work. Paul said that Tony should talk with Skeeter, since the town uses SAIA and he would have a contact person.
  - Steve from Churchville is coming on Monday to inspect the SCBA units.
8. Paul reported that there was a work party to remove brush in the back yard. The cleanup looks very good. John Parent helped out with his tractor.

The Harvest Festival will be held on September 21. There will be the usual pork chop dinner, treasure tables, basket raffles, kid town and hopefully another live auction. Local crafts are encouraged to participate (no fee).

9. Joe mentioned that the 4000 gallon portable pond obtained from Cattaraugus is very bulky and heavy. It does fit on Otto2. He would like to auction this off and purchase a narrower pond that would fit in one lane and keep firemen from having to walk around through the ditch. This type might not fit in the pond case on Otto5, which would be bad.
10. Budget information. The assessment for the Otto Protection District increased greatly due to the improved pipeline. This caused a large tax rate difference between the district and the protection district (1.17 versus 0.95). The previous several years had both entities at 1.18 rate. For many years the commissioners have maintained the tax amounts at levels that would keep the two rates equal. The tax cap computation deals strictly with the district, and lowering the district amount would force future computations to start there instead of at the current level.

Motion was made to change the tax amounts to get both tax rates to be 1.17. This will increase the amount for the protection district, and thus will increase the total amount. Made by Don G, seconded by Don S, approved with Ron abstaining.

Allison will work out the new appropriations and adjust some of the budget items (insurance, small equipment, firefighter training, motorized equipment) Budget items can be adjusted further before final approval at the September meeting.

11. Allison requested that the September meeting be changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, September 17. The October meeting will also be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, October 15, in order to occur on the date of the state mandated budget hearing.