

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Attending:	Kim Dickinson	2020	
	Don Girod	2019	Allison Girod, Secretary/Treasurer
	Ron Neal	2023	Tony Riehle, Chief
	Don Sinn	2022	Joe Pocobello, 1 st Asst Chief

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

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$68,413.35	0.10%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$24,118.57	0.20%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$51,233.06	0.20%
CCB savings – Air Tanks #1720052999	\$5,673.23	0.20%
CCB savings – Reserve #1720049513	\$824.38	0.20%
CCB Reserve CD #300000241	\$65,990.44	3.0%, matures 8/1/2021
Total	\$216,253.03	

Income since last meeting:

Town tax money : \$68,098.00 – currently in the checking account.
Auctions International for old Otto7 : \$12,970.00 deposited in Contingency.
Reserve CD quarterly interest paid \$497.10.

Bills paid since last meeting:

Ck #	Payment information	Amount
1710	Verizon Wireless	\$14.56
1711	National Fuel (estimated)	\$192.42
1712	USPS – post office box annual fee	\$54.00
1713	Catt County DPW – pipe nipple for the deck gun	\$8.35
1714	Bank of Cattaraugus – safe deposit box fee	\$15.00

Jim Wodjan will do an audit of the 2018 district finances.

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

Old Business

4. Cancer insurance beneficiary forms have been received from all 5 designated firefighters. A copy of the signed form has been put in the personnel files.

5. Requirements for an official newspaper were discussed at the recent commissioner training. A pennysaver with no paid circulation and only weekly publishing is not adequate.

New Business

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| 6. Appointment of chiefs : | Chief | Tony Riehle |
| | 1 st Assistant | Joe Pocobello |
| | 2 nd Assistant | Robert Barber Jr |
| | 3 rd Assistant | Matt Dickinson |

Motion to approve these positions: made by Ron, seconded by Kim, approved.

7. Approval of a new active member: Tim Walsh, 9261 Ball Rd. He is retired from California, but grew up in the Buffalo area. He has experience with diving SCBA and has been to the hall a couple of times for work parties. Motion to approve: made by Don S, seconded by Kim, approved subject to sheriff's background check. Allison will send out the usual letter and information.

8. Otto7 tires were ordered through the town and installed.

9. Chief's report – Tony. Gear and hose will be cleaned. He discussed getting more people involved in outside training as well as in house training. He brought up the possibility of a grant for a washing machine.

Joe reported that the wheel chocks and valve from EOne arrived this week and are being installed. He mentioned that the county is discussing cold weather batteries with Motorola. He handed out folders to help with radio training now that the new system is active.

10. There was a discussion about where to move the remaining money from 2018. There was \$691.48 in checking and \$24,118.57 in savings, for a total of \$24,810.05. Motion to put \$15,000 into Reserve and the rest into Contingency: made by Don G, seconded by Ron, approved. Allison will check on rates for CD's before the next meeting.

11. Information from commissioner training in Little Valley.

- Firefighter training is the responsibility of the district. The 8 hour OSHA training is not sufficient and does not meet the minimum standards.
- By October the district needs to have a policy and the Commissioners and all members need to do sexual harassment training. A committee with the department needs to work on setting the policy.