

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Attending: Kim Dickinson 2020
 Don Girod 2019 Allison Girod, Secretary/Treasurer
 Ron Neal 2023
 Stew Ritchie 2021
 Don Sinn 2022

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

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$550.51	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
Total	\$188,303.68	

Bills paid since last meeting:

Ck #	Payment information	Amount
1756	USPS – 6 certified letters regarding sexual harassment training	\$41.80
1757	Checksforless – 300 checks	\$41.95
1758	Verizon Wireless	\$14.78
1759	National Fuel	\$13.10
1760	Anthony Riehle	\$59.35

Bills to pay

1761	Anthony Riehle – gear bags, boots purchased at the June meeting	\$285.00
1762	Verizon Wireless - due 9/11/19	\$15.06
1763	National Fuel - estimated - due 9/20/19	\$20.32
1764	Joe Pocobello – reimburse for floating pump, etc. bought at auction	\$104.50
	CCB – interest payment on Otto8 loan – due Oct 1	\$325.00
	Heimensons – Otto7 inspection and brake work	\$3,372.20
	Churchville Fire – SCBA maintenance	no bill yet
	Fransen's Fire Equipment - Pump test Otto1	\$190.00
	Total	\$4,312.08 + ??

The current bills were checked by all Commissioners. The reconciled August 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 Kim, approved.

Old Business

4. Truck inspections – Ron took care of getting Otto1, Otto5 and Otto7 to Ron Heim for inspection. Otto7 needed work done on the brakes.
5. Sexual harassment training. All the active members who had not yet done the training came to the training on August 19.
6. Pump testing. Paul Stang contacted Mr Fransen and set this up for Saturday, September 7. The testing was done at Twin Bridges. Skeeter had mowed the path and had a tractor there to pull out any truck that got stuck. Cattaraugus brought some of their trucks for testing too. Otto1 passed the pump test.
7. The lawsuit from the 2016 Southwestern Convention is proceeding. Depositions are scheduled soon. Paul Stang has agreed to depose for the fire company. The expectation is that all the depositions will be completed this fall.

New Business

8. Chief's Report (written)
 - All the 2018 NFIRS reports are done and submitted to NYS. Big thanks to assistant chief Matt Dickinson for this.
 - Chris Damon from Churchville did the SCBA testing and is sending us 4 eyeglass frames for our SCBA to be used by qualified interior firefighters who use corrective lenses. He is also sending us free buddy hoses to share breathing air from pack to pack in an emergency situation.
 - Two members are going to North Tonawanda on Sept 29th for Flashover Mitigation Training. This involves both classroom and two evolutions in the hot box. They will be taking their turnout gear, SCBA packs and two spare bottles. Motion to approve two members attending this training: made by Don S, seconded by Stew, approved.
 - A note from Matt Dickinson questioned where are we on purchasing a turbo draft. East Otto has purchased one so it could be used at a fire with mutual aid. Matt says the floating pump is great, but will need two people to carry it and manage it. (possibly true also of turbo draft.) Matt has contacted EOne about a single lane portable pond and determined that they would not take in the 4000 gallon pond as a trade.
9. 2020 Budget : As discussed in August, the amount for the protection district was computed to make the rate the same as the fire district and several budget lines were adjusted. Motion to approve the budget: made by DonG, seconded by Ron, approved. The announcement of the budget hearing on October 15 will be posted at the town hall and post office along with a copy of the proposal. Allison had talked with the assessor and he was sure that the assessment change for the pipeline was permanent.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. Next meeting will be October 15.