

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Attending:      Kim Dickinson                      2025  
                      Don Girod                                      2024                      Allison Girod, Secretary/Treasurer  
                      Ron Neal                                        2023  
                      Don Sinn                                         2022

- 1) The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by Don Girod.
- 2) Motion to approve the minutes from August 2021: made by Ron, seconded by DonG, approved.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$6,376.46	0.02%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$49,251.02	0.02%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$79,608.17	0.02%
CCB savings – Air Tanks/Turnout Gear #1720052999	\$12,890.54	0.02%
CCB savings – Reserve #1720049513	\$121,434.83	0.05%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$269,561.02</b>	

Bills paid since last report

Ck #	Payment information	Amount
1877	Verizon Wireless – due 8/11/21	\$13.87
1878	Catt County Emergency Services – CPR training class	\$120.00

Bills to pay

1879	Verizon Wireless – due 9/11/21	\$13.87
	National Fuel	Credit \$26.89
	Otto Auto (ambulance inspection)	\$10.00
	CCB – semi annual interest on ambulance loan	\$162.50
	Churchville Fire Equip – SCBA maintenance	\$420.56
	Catt County Emergency Services – first aid training class	\$220.00

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

Old Business

4. Discussion of what to do with the NYCLASS account, if anything. Current interest rate is 0.0251%. CCB interest on the Reserve account is currently 0.05% since it is over \$100,000 and the others are all 0.02%. General feeling on this was “ why bother?”

5. Chief’s AED request – STEMS has not responded to inquiry about the paperwork to make this a public access AED. It is totally not clear how to proceed so it was decided to leave it alone at this time.

6. Hiding an emergency key to the hall at John Vanderbosch's house would solve the problem of members not having their own key when answering a call. This solution was suggested by Paul Stang and would not cost much.

#### New Business

7. Budget: Using the ongoing expenses for 2021 as a guide, it appears that the current 2021 budget is still adequate for 2022. The county site shows that the fire tax rates for the district and the protection district are remaining pretty equal. Motion to accept the budget worksheet as presented and schedule the public hearing for Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30pm : made by Don G, seconded by Ron, approved. The final vote will follow the hearing.

8. Churchville inspected 7 SCBA units on August 23. The 8<sup>th</sup> one was located after the meeting. It was in the meeting room by the bookcase. The tested units passed but generally need batteries changed. The tanks also needed topping up.

9. Motorola contacted us about a \$734.80 check paid to them in February 2017. This was not a payment towards the grant and they wanted to refund it. This has been deposited to the general checking account.

10. General maintenance and inspections for the fire trucks will be done by the town when they have time.

#### 11 Chief's report

a) Otto7 cascade air tanks. Two have been hydrotested and the other 2 are currently at Smith Fire Service for testing. The compressor tanks will also need testing.

b) Turnout gear for interior firefighters. A quote from Churchville was done in January and then the insurance claim for two sets of gear was paid in February. The fire department at that time agreed that the interior firefighters should get new gear first. The current qualified interior people are :Tony, Trisha, Matt, Dave Seiflein, and Duane if he gets the FIT test done. Turnout gear needs to be measured in person by the vendor before any order can be made. The chiefs should get in touch with the vendor and set this up. Nina and Chuck have been allocated gear and it is stored on Otto7.

Motion: To purchase full sets of turnout gear for all current qualified interior firefighters: made by DonG , seconded by Kim, approved.