

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Attending:	Don Girod	2024	Allison Girod, Secretary/Treasurer
	Ron Neal	2023	Paul Stang, Otto VFD President
	Stew Ritchie	2021	Trisha Priest, EMS Captain
	Don Sinn	2022	

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

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$16,127.49	0.02%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$39,253.55	0.02%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$79,612.18	0.02%
CCB savings – Air Tanks/Turnout Gear #1720052999	\$12,891.19	0.02%
CCB savings – Reserve #1720049513	\$121,445.56	0.05%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$269,329.07</b>	

Transfer from Savings to Checking - \$10,000.00

Bills paid since last report

<b>Ck #</b>	<b>Payment information</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1885	Verizon Wireless – due 10/11/21	\$13.93
1886	Perrysburg Vol Fire – deposit payment for 1992 pumper	\$1,000.00

Bills to pay

1887	Verizon Wireless – due 11/11/21	\$13.76
1888	National Fuel – estimated bill – due 11/26	\$35.26
1889	Perrysburg Volunteer Fire Co – residual payment for 1992 pumper	\$9,000.00
	Bradford Publishing – ad for budget hearing	\$5.99

The current bills were checked by all Commissioners present. The reconciled October 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 Ron, seconded by Don G, approved.

Old Business

4. 2022 budget has been sent to Town Clerk and the state online tax cap form has been filed.
5. Perrysburg pumper situation
  - \$1000 deposit paid on October 21.
  - Otto2 was put on the Williams auction site on October 25 with the hope that the auction will be over before the weather is too cold for the truck to sit outside without draining the

water from the pump. The auction closed on Nov 3 with high bid of \$2500. This bidder was in Texas and after a week decided not to transport the truck to TX. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bid of \$2450 from a Springville company was accepted and the deal closed.

- The insurance agent was ready with insurance for the new truck as of November 10.

#### New Business

6. Discussion of the EMS situation. The annual contract between the fire district and the town will be signed soon. Currently there are only 2 EMTs, and one of them has not been cleared for duty after having surgery. Several people in the department took the CPR/AED course and also the first aid course, but there needs to be a qualified EMT on board to run the ambulance. Currently East Otto and Cattaraugus have been taking some of the BLS calls and Mercy has been dispatched for the ALS calls. Otto fire personnel have helped at these calls.

Paul has spoken to Bill McCabe from East Otto and Bill suggested that Mercy be asked to send a transport unit to Otto for BLS calls as well as for ALS calls. Bill agreed that Jim C could start attending East Otto calls when he was available in order to gain experience.

It was agreed that the sign board in front of the hall should ask for volunteers to take the EMT course. This needs to wait until a course is announced by the county. It was suggested that an ad or article in the pennysaver could be helpful for finding new EMTs.

Since Jim C is an EMT and is often at the scene quickly, it would be good if he could contact Dispatch directly to ask for help etc. Motion to facilitate Jim Clark getting one of the portable radios: made by Don G, seconded by Don S, approved. Trisha and Paul will work with Jim on this. Jim also needs a departmental jump kit.

7. Nina and Chuck Marek lost their BEFO flashlights in their house fire along with their turnout gear. They have been assigned other turnout gear, but the flashlights were not replaced. Motion to buy 6 new survivor streamlight flashlights, 2 of them designated for the Mareks: made by Ron, seconded by Don G, approved. Don G will order these.

8. Allison is working on the annual application for the mandatory cancer insurance.

9. No other Chief's Report