

**TOWN OF CLAYTON FIRE DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
Depauville Social Hall**

**Public hearing called to order at 7:00 pm**

**Commissioner's Present:** Ray Lowe, Justin Taylor, Sam Thesier, Jason Rarick, Scott Johnson, Luci LaPierre (Sec/Treas).

**Others Present:** Clayton Chief Chris Barton, Depauville Chief Larry Girard, Josh Reome, Francis Bearup, Kevin Warren, Mike Patchen, Hunter Barton, Hayden Barton, Carlton Yandow, Lynn Schnauber, Robert Haver, Aiden Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments on Budget-None

Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners Questions-None

Treasurer Answers Questions of Public and Board of Fire Commissioners-None

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to close public hearing at 7:02 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thesier

**Regular meeting called to order at 7:02 pm**

**Agenda Amendments**-CD maturing 11/9/20

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve September 9, 2020 minutes with the addition of Scott Johnson present made by Commissioner Thesier. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rarick. Carried

**Approval of Abstract** – Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to approve I Am Responding for a 1 year contract for both departments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rarick. Carried. Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to approve the resolution to pay abstract with addition of 20-10-44 as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. Carried

**Financial Reports - Treasurer**

Monthly Financial Update & Reports for September 2020 distributed in board packets

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to cash in WSB CD #5516990045 early to pay abstract and incur penalty of interest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thesier. Carried.

**Correspondence**-None

**Chiefs Reports**

**Clayton Chief**

13 calls in September

Solar Energy Reading 10/1/20 (59947)

Report submitted

Purchase Requests: None

PM's were done last week. Found some issues that were reported on.

New tanker will be 14-4-1 and will be here this week (Friday possibly). Inspection at Midwest Fire was successful. Josh Reome and Scott Johnson traveled to the facility and were impressed with the manufacturer and the truck.

**Depauville Chief**

13 calls in September

Report submitted

Purchase Requests: None

16-7-1 check engine light on. It is at West Carthage.

Letter submitted for new member, Dale Harvey. Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to move to executive session at end of regular business to discuss personnel matters.

**Use of Building:** Depauville-nothing new  
Clayton-nothing new  
Discussion on use of building and COVID. Motion made by Commissioner Lowe to reduce any public gathering in any of the fire district buildings to nothing other than monthly meeting, election, blood drives, take out dinners (drive through) and social distancing and masks will be enforced, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thesier. Carried.

**Old Business**

- A. Budget Changes (if any)-N/A
- B. Budget-Submit the Fire District budget/tax cap form to NYS Comptroller's Office via web-done
- C. Budget- Resolution 2020-4-Adopt 2021 Budget. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt Resolution 2020-4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. Carried. Roll call vote passed unanimously.
- D. Grants-Justin Taylor-nothing new to report
- E. Depauville Fire Station Renovations-Larry Girard-Special Ops trailer is out front for inspection. It is essentially completed. Commissioner Taylor discussed options regarding the generator. Pad is on hold for now
- F. 14-5-1 Tanker Update-Scott Johnson-there will be an additional invoice coming for additional items discovered at inspection. Delivery invoice will be sent after truck is delivered (not needed at time of delivery)
- G. Merger-Justin Taylor-has been copying everyone on correspondence with Mark Butler and department chiefs are receiving them. Mark has requested 990's and/or financials for the last 3 years from both departments. The departments need to meet and come up with a plan on what a merger would look like for them. Mark Butler recommended a Zoom meeting to assist in this discussion. Chief Barton has offered to spearhead putting together a model of how a merger would look like from a structural perspective and a business perspective and bring it back to next month's meeting. Kevin Warren has offered to help. Chief Girard would prefer the Zoom meeting first. A Zoom meeting with all interested parties will be the next step and Justin will contact Mark Butler to facilitate.
- H. Election-Luci LaPierre-sample legal notice and letter to TI Sun included in board packet for discussion. Discussed procedures for election night.

**New Business**

- A. December meeting-change to Wednesday, December 9, 2020-change accepted by those present

**Public Comment-**Lynn Schnuaber asked that the board rescind last month's motion on Depauville spending money. After discussion board denied request.

**Other Business-**Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to go into executive session for personnel matters at 8:17 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to come out of executive session at 8:28 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. Carried.

Commissioner Lowe turned the chair of the meeting over to Commissioner Taylor. Taylor asked for public comment. Motion made by Thesier to decline membership application of Dale Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. After public comment and discussion, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Commissioner Lowe to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thesier.  
Motion carried.