

**TOWN OF CLAYTON FIRE DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
Clayton Meeting Room**

**Regular meeting called to order at 7:0 2pm**

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

**Others Present:** Clayton Chief Chris Barton, Depauville Chief Larry Girard, Josh Reome, Francis Bearup, Kevin Warren, Jarod Wagoner, Debbie Farmer, Bill Evans, Jeff Dickey, Mike Patchen, Jacob Angus

**Agenda Amendments**-Election strategy, Social Hall phones

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve August 12, 2020 minutes made by Commissioner Taylor. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. Carried

**Approval of Abstract** – Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the resolution to pay abstract as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thesier. Carried

**Financial Reports - Treasurer**

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

**Correspondence**-None

**Chiefs Reports**

**Clayton Chief**

29 calls in August  
Solar Energy Reading 9/3/20 (57330)  
Report submitted  
Purchase Requests: None

**Depauville Chief**

11 calls in August  
Report submitted  
Purchase Requests: None

**Use of Building:** Depauville-Quilters 11/19-23/20  
Clayton-List submitted  
Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to approve use of building, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. Carried.

**Old Business**

- A. Grants-Justin Taylor-nothing new to report
- B. Depauville Fire Station Renovations-Larry Girard-been focusing on inventory at this time. Will be coming up with a formal plan this weekend.
- C. 14-5-1 Tanker Update-Scott Johnson-Chassy & body are there and painted. Building pump housing. Projected finish date is 10/8. Site visit with training coming up. Look into essential travel forms.
- D. Merger-990 status for Depauville-501c3 application is in process. Deb Farmer is working on reactivating the EIN so they can move forward on filing for 501c3. Needs to pull the corporation papers and will be sending all as a packet. Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to freeze all spending of Depauville line items until inventory on pagers and turnout gear, 501c3 and 990's are completed and filed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thesier. Carried.  
Commissioner Taylor-no gear is to be purchased until all district inventories are checked first.

- E. Tanker Bid Opening-
  - 1. Parry K Boogard-\$4,000.01
  - 2. Steve Dorr-\$5,555.55
  - 3. Mike Patchen-\$5,400.00

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to award bid to highest bidder, Steve Dorr, for \$5,555.55, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thesier. Carried.

- F. Social Hall Phone-Luci-Verizon is \$22.47, Spectrum is \$29.99 for 12 months and a \$99 set up fee, then \$39.99 per month. Board chooses to remain with Verizon.

### **New Business**

- A. Resignation of Dale Harvey-Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to accept Dale Harvey's resignation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. Carried. Discussion on making an appointment to the seat and whether to remain at 7 commissioners. Joe Russell was attorney when district was formed and may be able to weigh in on formation of district.
- B. Proposed Budget-Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to adopt the proposed budget of \$564,637.47 with a tax rate of .65 for the Town of Clayton Fire District, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson. Carried.
- C. Election Strategy-Ray Lowe-enter through one door, exit through another, social distancing markers
- D. Commissioner Thesier texted Ray August 18<sup>th</sup> requesting a special meeting and was denied.
- E. Commissioner Thesier commented that at the budget meeting we discussed retaining Mark Butler for a potential merger. Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to retain Mark Butler at this time for the merger process, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson after discussion of process as outlined by Mark Butler. Carried.

Commissioner Taylor will contact Mark Butler and ask for different models throughout the state. More discussion between departments and board on need for clarification of financial, operational and administrative goals. Letter from Mark Butler was read explaining the options available, merger vs. consolidation.

All communication going forward needs to be clear and transparent to district board, department line officers and department board.

**Public Comment**-None

**Other Business**-None

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Commissioner Thesier to adjourn meeting at 8:31 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lowe. Motion carried.