

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

February 17, 2025

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 7:07 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Those in attendance were Chairman Joe Scott, Commissioner Laurence Saulpaugh, Commissioner Tyler Case, Commissioner Marc Lebowitz, and Commissioner Ronald Miller. Others present were Chief Ron Rifenburgh, Kerri Abella, and Secretary Jennifer Flandreau.

Chairman Scott opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Saulpaugh, seconded by Commissioner Lebowitz to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor. So carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Lebowitz, seconded by Commissioner Salpaugh. All in favor. So carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Portfolio review
- Emurgentcare offering physicals for firefighters
- RBC Wealth management \$361,149.90
- RBC Wealth management \$5,311.64
- Association of fire districts bylaws amendments
- Check received from Clermont town for \$269,274.00
- Utica National Human trafficking exclusion, renewal notice
- Finger bill due 03/01/2025 \$2,373.00

OPEN DISCUSSION:

No discussion

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Station one door to the right is not shutting correctly when you hit the button it starts to come down but then stops and goes back up. We will have Madsen doors look at it.

FIRE EQUIPMENT:

The air compressor will be serviced by or before next month.

Air packs will be serviced in April. We will change the batteries ourselves.

Truck 60-13 - might have an air leak. The air leak can only be heard when it is out in the cold, not indoors.

Truck 60-35 - the air horn is not working in the center, the driver side is working.

LOSAP:

No discussion

LAWS AND POLICIES: All Commissioners

Chairman Scott contacted Penflax about increasing the defined benefit plan for the newer members.

The district is interested in increasing the LOSAP benefit possibly to the max allowable of \$1,200 per member. The district will need a cost estimate to start, this will cost \$400 to complete. This information will be used in the official resolution and voter proposition. Once the Board has agreed that they want to move forward with the vote to increase services, Penflex can prepare all the documents for the process. There is a fee of \$600 to write the Board Resolution, Public Notice and Voter Proposition.

We can invite them to do a presentation possibly in April.

LEGAL: All Commissioners

The Commissioners will convene and go over the SOPs Sunday March 8th at 8:00 AM at station one.

OLD BUSINESS: All Commissioners**NEW BUSINESS:**

Application for Bobby McCarthy has been approved by the department pending background check. Commissioner Saulpaugh made a motion to approve Bobby McCarthy pending a background check, seconded by Commissioner Case. All in favor. So carried.

Josh Williams needs copies of his training certificates, he moved to another department. Secretary Flandreau will send them to him.

The 466 property tax exemption has been printed out with instructions on how to complete it. The forms are at station one; each eligible person must complete the personal information and return them to the town assessor and town assessor of the school districts.

MISCELLANEOUS:

CHIEFS REPORT: There were 13 calls in January 2025

- 1/2/25 - Call #1 - tree limb on wires, Jug road and Woods road - 5FFs - 8 man hours
- 1/3/25 - Call #2 - Mutual aid to Germantown with 60-35 to grass fire on Viewmont road - 8FFs - 3.1 man hours.
- 1/5/25 - Call #3 - Mutual aid to Germantown with 60-35 to grass fire on Viewmont Road - 7 FFs - 8.1 man hours
- 1/12/25 - Call #4 - mutual aid to Taghkanic with 60-35 to a structure fire on Strohmeier Road - 6 FFs - 10.7 man hours
- 1/15/25 - Call #5 - Garage fire at 1188 Cty.Rte. 6 - CLaire Hsu residents. Moderate damage to the northeast corner of the garage. Mutual aid received with 1 tanker from Livingston and Germantown - 8FFs - 8.2 man hours.
- 1/17/25 - Call #6 - Alarm activation - 760 Woods rd. Smoke from the wood stove. 6 FFs - 1.3 man hours.
- 1/20/25 - Call #7 - Alarm activation - 18 Norrie Court - unknown reason for alarm - 7 FFs - 1.1 man hours
- 1/21/25 - Call #8 - Alarm activation - 168 Cemetery Rd, Alarm Co. Working on the alarm system - 4 FFs - 2 man hours
- 1/24/25 - Call #9 - mutual aid with 60-35 to Red Hook - call cancelled in route - 7 FFs - 0.5 man hours
- 1/25/25 - Call #10 - alarm activation - 870 Woods Road - alarm set off from cooking - 8 FFs - 1.9 man hours.
- 1/26/25 - Call #11 - alarm activation - 694 Church Ave - inflight - alarm set off from a cleaning machine that uses a fog to clean - 8 FFs - 1.6 man hours
- 1/29/25 - Call #12 - 104 Mill road - Inflight - Alarm set off from overflowing kitchen sink leaking downstairs onto the alarm head - 4 FFs - 0.7 man hours
- 1/30/25 - Call #13 - tree limb on wires burning - Jug Road & Woods Road - same tree limb that was burning on 1/2/25 - 3FFs - 5.75 man hours.

Man Hours :

- 1/17/25 - Drill - Ice rescue drill - 11 FFs - 22 man hours
- 1/30/25 - Iroquois pipeline training - 9 FFs - 9 man hours

Gas card went to Collin Brown

OSHA training was on 1/16/25 & 1/23/25

All active firefighters have completed their training

Ladies auxiliary have not completed the sexual harassment training

A motion was made by Commissioner Case to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Miller . All in favor. So carried

FUEL REPORT:

gallons used

11.9

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. by Commissioner Lebowitz , seconded by Commissioner Miller. All in favor. So Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Flandreau Secretary,
Clermont Fire District