

FREWSBURG FIRE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Ed opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Commissioners present: Ed Nazario, Nick Niles, Don Sparling

Fire department members present: Lisa Piazza, Charlie Piazza, Justin Martin, Cory Lauffenburger, Dan Sisson

Motion to accept the secretary's report and to pay the bills was made by Don Sparling and seconded by Nick Niles.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

May 36 calls

24 EMS – 8 BLS 16 ALS

BOAT – Justin would like to purchase 4 rescue life jackets for the boat. They are \$169.00 a piece for a total of \$696.00. Not to exceed \$700.00. Motion to accept was made by Nick Niles and seconded by Don Sparling.

BOAT - Justin reported that the boat is leaking. Justin would like to buy a valve that ties to an SCBA and has a regulator. It leaks because of the hot and cold weather. The price is \$325.00. Motion to accept was made by Don Sparling and seconded by Nick Niles.

Justin would like to buy 2 telescopic boat hooks. They can get them from Cabela's for \$50.00 a piece. Motion to was made by Nick Niles and seconded by Don Sparling.

Charlie's computer is very slow. They would like to get a new one. They would like to get a dell. It was asked to get 2 computers but they are only going to get 1. The price is \$1,030.00. Not to exceed \$1,200.00. Motion made by Don Sparling and seconded by Nick Niles. This will come out of the equipment fund.

Cascade System for the O/2 approved. Approved for \$1,259.38 not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion by Nick Niles and seconded by Don Sparling.

New air packs are fully in service. We would like to donate 12 of our old air packs to Kennedy. Motion to accept was made by Nick Niles and seconded by Don Sparling.

Justin asked the board if he could use his discretion to get rid of any of the old fire equipment that is upstairs at station 1. He would keep any antique items. Motion to accept was made by Nick Niles and seconded by Don Sparling.

At May's meeting it was approved that the guys going to the expo in Harrisburg, PA could spend up to \$6,600.00. They ended up going over \$180.00. A motion was made by Don Sparling approving the overage and seconded by Nick Niles.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMS billing starts July 9th. A meeting will be scheduled with Russ Payne to let him know that the billing for EMS is coming from the state and not from the fire department. Someone from the fire service should go to the town meeting and make the announcement so the town's people know what is going on. The process to meet with Greg Peterson will get started and the process to drop the ALS will get started.

I have attached notes that Lisa Piazza had regarding the EMS billing.

South Valley was discussed. Rumor has it that Cold Springs is not responding to calls and that Randolph is overwhelmed with EMS calls. A letter was constructed by Lisa Piazza to send to South Valley so that maybe we could get permission to come and renegotiate a contract for next year 2023. South Valley's meeting is July 19th. The price would be \$25,000 we would ask for.

My oath of office for secretary and treasurer did not get to the town clerk in January. The commissioners approved everything be retro from the first of the year until now. I will get the oaths of office to the town clerk so she can notarize them and put them in her files. I will get a copy in my files.

Payment for Don Woodfield for \$200.00 for the OSHA training

We discussed that we would retain legal counsel just in case we may need it at some time or if we need to ask any questions. We decided on Mark Butler from Buffalo. His retainer is \$2,500.00. We have \$1,000 in the budget for legal fees. It was approved by the board to move \$1,500 from the training line to move to the legal line on the budget so we could pay the retainer. I will find out what our contract date is. Motion to move the money was made by Ed Nazario and seconded Nick Niles

Motion was made by Nick Niles to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ed Nazario