



# TOWN OF CARROLL

FREWSBURG FIRE DISTRICT

Justin Martin - Chief Nicholas Niles - Chairman

5 Main Street, PO Box #3 Frewsburg, NY 14738

## FREWSBURG FIRE DISTRICT MARCH 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Nick Niles opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Commissioners present: Don Mowry, Bob Price, Nick Niles, Don Sparling

Fire Department members present: Dan Sisson, Justin Martin, Dave Wawrzyniak, Rick Carlson, Cory Lauffenburger

Motion was made by commissioner Bob Price to accept the secretaries report and seconded by commissioner Don Sparling.

Motion was made by commissioner Don Sparling to accept the treasurers report and seconded by Don Mowry.

Chairman Nick Niles opened the floor for public comment @ 7:03 p.m.

Cory Lauffenburger asked if a policy has been made when the ambulance is out of district and it stops some where to get food. Chairman Niles said that it is being drawn up and will be presented at next meeting.

Dan Sisson asked about the camera's at the fire station being unplugged and facing upward. Dan asked if the board will take responsibility if something is stolen or someone falls and gets hurt. Chairman Niles said the board will take responsibility. A policy is being worked on for cameras at the fire station.

Dan Sisson said he had a discussion with Don Woodfield who did the OSHA training for our fire company that exterior fire fighters should be able to have there physical by there own primary care doctor and not the districts doctor.

The public comment was closed at 7:10 p.m.

## CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Justin Martin reported we had 22 EMS calls for the month of February. Of those 20 EMS calls 9 were ALS and 11 were BLS

Commissioner Don Mowry Made a motion to pay the bills for February.  
Commissioner Bob Price seconded the motion.

## COMMITTEES:

Ambulance: March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at station 1 – there will be documentation training for the new billing that we are going to be doing. We will start billing April 1<sup>st</sup> commercial insurances. The billing company will back date to March 1<sup>st</sup>. We can not bill Medicare or Medicaid at this time. Paperwork is still be done for these insurance companies.

We are considered out of network with commercial insurances because we are a small business. Univera and independent Health will pay the billing company directly. Highmark will pay the patients directly. Patients with Highmark who do not make there payment will get 3 statements and if they don't pay would go to a collection agency.

If you reside in the district, you will not get billed for a copay.

Chairman Nick Niles made a motion that if a patient gets 3 statements and the bill is not paid we would send the patient to a collection agency. Seconded by commissioner Don Sparling.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Don Sparling-yes

Chairman Nick Niles-yes

Commissioner Don Mowry-yes

Commissioner Bob Price-yes

Vote is 4 yes & 0 no

March 21<sup>st</sup> is voting on the new fire truck at the Town of Carroll town hall 5 Main Street Frewsburg, NY from 6 pm to 9 pm. Carrie Blitz and Paige Miller will be helping as election inspectors.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Chairman Niles asked if any board members had any comments. There were none

Next meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Town of Carroll town hall

Chairman Nick Niles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bob Price seconded.

The meeting was adjourned