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# **DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

# **February 28, 2023**

Present: Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki Treasurer/Clerk Melanie Roucoulet, Chief James Peltier, Water Superintendent Bob Benlien, Ambulance Director Dave Thomas,

Jim Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### **General Business:**

- Minutes
  - o Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from January 24, 2023 as printed, Camillus Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.

### **Ambulance:**

- 80 Calls, 76 Calls answered, 35 Calls were ALS only 6 calls needed intercept called.
- 2 New full time Paramedics were hired, only 7 shifts a month will need to be covered by Dave
- Well ahead of state requirements for ALS.

#### **Fire Department:**

- Polaris UTV now has tracks. Only department in county with 2 search and rescue vehicles
- Just shy of 300 calls since January 2023
- Natural gas leak on Main Street, unit was replaced illegally and not inspected. Could have ended up a lot worse than it did.
- MVA at Millers Station, Car sped off the road at 50 mph and ended up in the building, 55-gallon drum was knocked over.
- We will be receiving a 2014 donated Ambulance, only needs an electric stretcher unit which costs \$33,000.00. Will be kept where the pickup was.
- The new Ladder Truck will be ready in April, waiting for new tires to come in.
- The Chief had a 5 Year Capital Plan set up and has completed 7 of the projects by grants and donations.
- Permits and Inspection costs have not been raised for many years, Chief was hoping to raise fees to \$50 per permit/Inspection.
  - o Mike Kubicki made a motion to increase the cost of inspections and permits to \$50 effective 03/01/2023, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.

### **Water Department:**

- There was a leak on Home Terrace, Deep & Association were notified, Leak was taken care of that day.
- Greg Devine from Clean Water Project contacted Bob, the wordage was incorrect at the special

- meeting and a new meeting will need to be held to amend the appropriation.
- Problems with heater at Washington Mtn Rd Pump, Bob is looking for quotes to have it replaced.
- The water Meter at the scale house for Petricca pit froze and burst, water was shut off and meter was replaced.
- There was a leak at the Old Dalton Auto Body Building. The owner was contacted and water was shut off.
- New Battery was installed in the Stock house generator.
- Bob would like to have a Warrant Article for the replacement of the commercial and Industrial water meters.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Semi Annual billing A/R is down to under \$9000.00.
- Working on Insurance portions on the FY24 Budget.
- Getting ready to get the new Semi Annual billings ready for April 1, 2023

## **General Business**

Jim would like to set up working meetings to go over the FY24 Budgets February 7, 2023 4:30 All Departments February 14, 2023 4:30 Water & Administration February 21, 2023 4:30 Fire & Ambulance.

The next meeting will be March 28, 2023 at 6:30pm

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Roucoulet Treasurer/Clerk