

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 26, 2021

Present: Chair Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Fire Chief Jim Peltier, Water Superintendent Benlien, Treasurer/Clerk Melanie Roucoulet,
Prudential Committee: Al Nadeau
Public: Don Allard
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 September 28, 2021, as printed, Camillus Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.

New Business

- Berkshire Snow Seekers
 - Don Allard renewed his yearly agreement granting permission to use and maintain land owned by The Dalton Fire District.
 - Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the agreement, Cam Cachat seconded, Mike Kubicki abstained. Approved

Ambulance Report:

- Jim Driscoll made a motion to appoint Nico Amuso as the new Ambulance Director effective immediately. Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.
- Cam Cachat would like Nico to create a new call report created each month containing calls received, responded to and missed. Nico can create report though his system.
- Melanie is working with A.R.S to get our Medicare, Medicaid number established so that we can start billing the insurance company.
- Nico created a new email address for the ambulance director which is daltonambulancedirector@gmail.com
- Nico is working hard on getting all the QA.QI reports audited so that we can bill these out as soon as billing is up and running.
- A relationship was built between Nico and Council on Aging to help our patients that need help.

Fire Department:

- Chief Peltier is concerned about not filling the empty position for the Firefighter/EMT due to the starting rate. He would like to raise the starting rate for the Firefighters to \$25 per hour.
- Jim Driscoll would like to see a breakdown from the current budget to see what the increase will do to the working budget.
- Chief Peltier would also like the On-Call pay rate to be increased to \$17.00 per hour pending where that money not allocated in the budget would come from.
- Chief Peltier would also like to try and become a 24 hr facility so calls will not be missed or not responded too. An average of \$198,000 we are missing out on by missing calls.
- Uniforms for all of the full time Firefighter/EMTS have been ordered and are in.

- The new Brush Truck is currently still being built.
- The Fire District received a grant to purchase the tank and pump and have it mounted to the chassis, some more work will need to be done prior to it being placed in service.
- We are in the process of disposing of the military vehicles that were used as brush trucks but have been out of service for years.
- Engine 1 had a recall for a fuel line issue that was taken care of last week at no charge to the District
- Engine 51 is a 1989 Pierce pumper and has not been in service since 2019. Gerry gave a quote of \$25,000 to fix the truck, Chief Peltiers quote to fix the truck was \$163,433.00.
- Face Piece testing was completed last night and should be completed annually.

Water Department:

- The pump at the Pinecrest Tank has been replaced and sent to Reliable Electric Motor to be rebuilt and used as a spare.
- A new ball joint was installed on Truck 8.
- A new electric heater was installed at the Reservoir Rd. Instrumentation Building.
- 6 month meter readings are done
- A transmission service was completed on Truck 6.
- Bob has been working with the Town trying to get grant money for the Engineering services for Tighe and Bond.
- Bob would like to amend the on call policy, change the minimum call in to 3 hours and a stipend of 2 hours per day at overtime rate for each day an employee is on call.
- Jim Driscoll would also like Bob to come up with a budgetary number that would be affected by this change.
- Jim Driscoll motioned to accept and start The Tighe and Bond Engineering process once the \$145,000 was received. Cam seconded, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Semi Annual Billing was sent out on October 1, 2021
- Half of the payments have been received in to date
- Six month meter bills have gone out, Billing equaled about \$32,000.00
- Mike Kubicki received 2 outlines from Vendors regarding the new computer networking, waiting for one more outline than we can start asking for proposals to send out for bidding.

Jim Driscoll would like all department heads to start working on Preliminary budgets for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be November 23, 2021 at 6:30pm

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Roucoulet
Treasurer/Clerk