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

**January 24, 2023**

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

Public: Dr Henry Rose, Tom Irwin, Sabrina – iberkshires,  
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 December 27, 2022, as printed, Camillus Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.

### **Ambulance:**

- 87 Calls, 13 Mutual Aid
- 2 Per diem paramedics, 1 new one starting today and one interview scheduled
- As of today, we have 8 Fulltime FF/EMT's, looking for one more, 4 P/T per diem paramedics

### **Fire Department:**

- All Apparatus is in service.
- The department has been very eventful since becoming ALS.
- Received a call regarding a baby born in a truck on the way to hospital, the husband pulled into the bay and the department did an amazing job finishing the delivery and taking care of mother and baby.
- There have been a lot of Fire prevention inspections/Smoke detector inspections.

### **Water Department:**

- We excavated and replaced the rod on the curb stop at 601 Dalton Division Rd
- Seaboard has finished the test boring in the Field St, Glennon Ave area.
- All shut off notices have been delivered.
- Stock house floor has been painted.
- Bob has been working on collecting data for the 2022 Annual Statistical Report.
- The water department received a letter from Selective Insurance stating that we were financially responsible for Billings digging into the water main at The Pioneer mill, Bob looked into it and we are not responsible.
- Bob brought up raising the water rates for the town, they have not been raised since 2011 and 2015.
- A water main break in Pittsfield caused a Low Suction Pressure at The Donn Elser and

Housatonic pump stations, Ryan and Bob handled the situation and pumps were put back into Auto.

- Signatures are required for the Engineering Service Agreement for the Lead Service Line Project.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Payments have been coming in after all the shut off notices were handed out.
- Billed \$3620.00 in shut off notice fees.
- W-2's have all been printed and filed.
- Adams Interest rate will be going up from .5% to .85%
- Received Ethics training information today to hand out to all employees to be completed by April.
- Waiting for Jeff to email me back regarding free cash and when he's available.

### **General Business**

Jim has spoken to Peter North regarding the status of the Dalton Garage, he is sitting on the sale of the building,

Jim is waiting for Hill Engineering to send in cost estimate for addition to be added to Dalton garage, and also a feasibility study on the building.

Discuss preliminary budgets next month, would like to have budget process finished by February meeting, so we can have all Warrant Articles drawn up for March/April meeting and ready for Mays Annual Meeting.

Dr Henry Rose discussed possibly asking other towns and representatives for assistance

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

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Roucoulet  
Treasurer/Clerk

