

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Attending: Kim Dickinson 2025 Allison Girod, Secretary /Treasurer
 Don Girod 2024 Paul Stang, OttoVFD President
 Ron Neal 2023 Trisha Priest, Otto Chief
 Stew Ritchie 2026
 Don Sinn 2027

1. Open meeting 7:30pm
2. Motion to approve January meeting minutes - made by Kim, seconded by DonS, approved .
3. February Treasurer's report:

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$80,998.26	0.05%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$43,282.78	0.25%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$124,496.05	0.50%
CCB savings – Air Tanks/Turnout Gear #1720052999	\$12,899.70	0.25%
NYCLASS NY-01-1150-0001 (Reserve)	\$123,442.82	4.18% currently

The 2023 tax money (\$78,190) was deposited on January 30.

Bills paid

1970	Verizon Wireless (due 1/11/23)	\$13.58
1971	National Fuel (actual)	\$181.30
1972	USPS – post office box annual fee	\$66.00
1973	Promark Agencies (premium for the cancer insurance)	\$840.00

Bills to pay

	Verizon Wireless – credit \$7.48	
	National Fuel (estimated)	\$234.52
	MRC Repair – Otto1 inspection	\$20.00
	MRC Repair – Otto2 inspection	\$20.00
	Bank of Cattaraugus – safe deposit box – box # 186	\$15.00
	Ganoung's Fire Protection – extinguisher annual inspections	\$115.00
	Don Girod – replacement pulse oximeter finger clip sensor	\$42.77
	Don Girod – tracfone for ambulance (1 year) and holding case	\$136.15
	Don Girod – webbing and rope for BEFO training	\$130.97
1974	Mark Butler – Commissioner training on 2/25	\$300.00
	Otto VFD – reimbursement new McKesson pulseox for Otto8	\$478.65
1975	USPS – 2 books stamps	\$37.80

Motion to approve the report and pay the bills: made by DonS, seconded by DonG, approved.

Old Business

4. Truck inspections for Otto1 and Otto2 were completed at MRC in Springville.
5. Ambulance cell phone purchased. It is a tracfone and has one full year of service. There is a holder attached to the wall inside the ambulance.
6. Turnout gear – Churchville says the 5 sets that were ordered in April last year will be ready to ship on April 28th.
7. The state financial report (AUD) has been submitted on time;

New Business

- 8 OSHA training has been scheduled on March 11 (8:00am – 4:00pm in East Otto) and firefighter physicals are scheduled for March 13 at 7:30 pm in East Otto.. A letter was sent to all active members. This reminds them that attendance at this training will satisfy the annual state sexual harassment requirement.
9. A motion was made by DonG and seconded by Kim that the fire district write a letter to support the county's application for a grant to replace the Forty Rd bridge. Approved.
10. Chief's report – Trisha Priest
 - The chiefs have been meeting ahead of the monthly fire company meeting. They will decide what the needs and requests are.
 - Cattaraugus County has not yet posted a 2023 training schedule.
 - District 5 meeting – all pagers need to be updated. This can be done inhouse and we will get the machine for this so that it can be done at the next department meeting. The list of who has each pager needs to be updated.
 - The 8 SCBA units are all on either Otto1 or Otto7. The bottles need to be inventoried and enough new tanks purchased so that we have 16 in date bottles (2 for each airpack). Our of date bottles apparently can be sold on line,
11. A plan for the remaining 2022 money (\$ 47,691.53) was approved. Motion to move \$15,000 to the Reserve account (motorized equipment) and \$32,691.53 into the account called Airtanks/Turnout Gear (CCB #1720052999):made by DonG, seconded by Ron.
12. There was a discussion about applying for a Firehouse Sub grant. These grants are available 4 times per year and are intended for equipment that otherwise might not be able to be purchased. The range of grants are \$15,000 to \$35,000. There is a list of items that would not be funded. Either the department or the district can apply, but the finances of the district make it hard to state that a purchase in this range is unaffordable. The fire department could ask for something that the district will not approve. North Collins received one of these grants last year and it would be important to talk to them before attempting a proposal.