

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2022

Kim Dickinson	2025	
Don Girod	2024	Allison Girod, Secretary/Treasurer
Don Sinn	2022	Paul Stang, Otto VFD President

1. Meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by Don Girod
2. Motion to approve the June minutes: made by DonS, seconded by DonG, approved.
3. August Treasurer's report:

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$14,618.43	0.02%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$43,260.65	0.02%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$124,365.03	0.05%
CCB savings – Air Tanks/Turnout Gear #1720052999	\$12,893.12	0.02%
NYCLASS NY-01-1150-0001	\$121,742.16	1.62%

Bills paid

1935	Verizon Wireless (due 7/11/22)	\$13.47
1937	National Fuel (actual)	\$8.69
1939	Briggs Signs – lettering for Otto2	\$460.00
1936	Otto VFD – annual lease of fire hall	\$5,205.00
1937	Otto VFD – 2% NYS fire tax (deposited 7/5/22)	\$428.78
1940	Paul Stang reimbursement – training refreshments March- June	\$336.00

Bills to pay

	Verizon Wireless (due 8/11/22)	\$13.85
	National Fuel (estimated)	\$25.90

Transferred \$8,000.00 from Savings to Checking

The current bills and bank statements were checked by all Commissioners present. The reconciled June checking account statement, check images and paid bills were viewed by all Commissioners present. Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills made by DonG, seconded by Kim, approved.

Old Business

4. Otto2 status. The differential has been changed. There is still a small noise in the driveline, but it is fine for the foreseeable future since the truck does not go very far.

5. Sexual harassment training participation still incomplete. It is now up to the fire department ensure that members who wish to remain active are in compliance. Only active members in good standing are insured at a emergency call and likewise only active members are eligible to vote in fire company elections.

6. Contract with Mercy ambulance.- The district lawyer, Mark Butler, read over the contract and responded by email . He answered the concerns about insurance and indicated that the fire company could sign it. The new state law permits fire companies to bill for ambulance services as long as the patient has medical insurance. Mr Butler is in favor of billing, so DonG contacted a billing agency and received a 27 page proposal. It would mean that someone would have to spend a lot of time coordinating with the billing agency. For now, it seems better just to see what happens if the department does not bill. The contract with Mercy says they will only bill the fire company for patients who have medicare and need an ALS intercept. This is not a huge number of calls.

7 EVOC training course to train trainers is scheduled for September 24 and 25 at the CLV bus garage. Paul has found Otto members willing to do the training and Allison will work with Christy about refreshments. Christy has done a wonderful job getting this going.

New Business

8. Discuss 2023 budget. The Commissioners reviewed the ongoing budget and past years' expenditures. The tax rates for the district and the protection district remain almost identical. It was agreed that it would be best to leave the same budget in place. Allison will do some minor changes in the line items, leaving the total the same, and bring the new budget to the September meeting. The budget will be finalized after the budget hearing during the 3rd week of October.

9. No Chief's report

10. Paul told everyone that Dewey Dankert is being honored with a fireman's award at the Erie County Fair on Monday, August 16, at 6:00pm. Each night of the fair they will honor a fireman from the WNY area .