

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2023

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

1. Motion to approve approve October meeting minutes : made by DonG, seconded by DonS , approved.

2. November Treasurer's report:

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$3,380.76	0.05%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$43,380.98	0.50%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$62,630.31	0.50%
CCB savings – Air Tanks/Turnout Gear #1720052999	\$23,739.71	0.50%
NYCLASS NY-01-1150-0001 (Reserve)	\$143,757.55	5.27% currently
NYCLASS NY-01-1150-0002 (Contingency)	\$63,086.91	5.27%

Bills paid

2013	National Fuel (estimated)	\$26.35
2016	Don Girod – reimb. for 1 pair Feld fire extrication gloves for sizing	\$72.73
2017	Don Girod – 2 sets of strapping to divide up for firemen to carry	\$45.54
2014	Saia Communications – 3 batteries for portable radios	\$666.77
2015	Catt County DPW – gloves, safety goggles for extrication training	\$102.31

Bills to pay

	National Fuel (actual)	\$20.71
	Town of Otto – truck fuel (annual bill)	\$1,121.81
	Town of Otto – Otto5 diagnosis and repair part (7/21 breakdown)	\$375.48
	Paul Eder – reimb. for single radio charger, 2 light bars for chiefs	\$106.53
	Bradford Publishing – ad for budget hearing	\$7.91

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

Old Business

3. Cancer insurance paperwork is due December 1. Allison is working on this, but info is needed from the department. Paul and Trisha will help with the numbers of active members and interior firefighters.

4. Status of previously discussed fire department gear –
 - safety vests – the vendor is working on this and will report to Paul
 - extrication gloves – Paul will figure out how many are needed of each size and he will give DonG the information for ordering.
 - The turnout gear quote has not happened yet, but the two pairs of boots should be ordered as soon as possible.

New Business

5. Paul Stang ordered a part from the county and fixed the leaking air system on Otto5.
6. District election is to be held on December 12. Ron is up for another 5 year term.
7. The request for Yeidy to take the 6-wheeler to an event in Jamestown was cleared by the insurance company – email was sent on this previously.
8. Paul reported that Yeidy and her husband Austin gave a short presentation to the department after the November meeting. It summarized the information about current drugs to watch for.
9. Chief's report:
 - Training has been well attended this month. The first one was on CO detection and info was passed out to all the participants telling about things to watch for. A discussion about CO meters pointed out that there are two meters currently – on Otto1 and Otto7. Motion to buy two meters for Otto8 and personnel: made by Ron, seconded by Kim, approved. Paul will also look into getting the 4 gas meter repaired.
 - There was a training on chimney fires.
 - DEC grant was submitted. It suggests tools to be bought – shovels, rakes, pole saw, lights. The electrical tools would be compatible with current tools.
 - Otto5 is leaking a small amount of water, but it is not clear what the problem is.