

OTTO FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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

1. Motion to approve approve August meeting minutes : made by DonG, seconded by Stew , approved.

2. September Treasurer’s report:

	Balance	Interest Rate
CCB checking - #1710057912	\$4,918.91	0.05%
CCB savings – Savings #1720049483	\$43,336.43	0.50%
CCB savings – Contingency #1720049505	\$62,402.93	0.50%
CCB savings – Air Tanks/Turnout Gear #1720052999	\$23,715.34	0.50%
NYCLASS NY-01-1150-0001 (Reserve)	\$142,502.93	5.17% currently
NYCLASS NY-01-1150-0002 (Contingency)	\$62,535.34	5.17%

Transferred \$62,402 from CCB Contingency to create a new account, NYCLASS Contingency.

Bills paid

2008	National Fuel (estimated)	\$20.46
2009	Otto VFD – (NY 2% fire tax)	\$949.79
2010	MES – service and replacement of lines for jaws of life -	\$2,955.79

Bills to pay

	National Fuel	\$23.08
	Churchville Fire Equip – inspection and service of SCBA	\$720.00

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

Old Business

3. Work on the 2024 budget: In order to keep the total tax amount the same as 2023, several line items were changed:

- the loan for Otto8 is complete, so that money was moved to small equipment and safety
- insurance is not known, but liability and critical illness were both increased. There are more interior trained members than in recent years.
- Association of Fire Districts dues has increased to \$200 per year.

- Motorized equipment (reserve) was decreased.
The apportionment for the district was increased to \$25,010 and the protection district to \$53,180 making both the tax rates the same at .9329.

Motion to approve the 2024 budget as changed, made by Ron, seconded by DonG, approved. This will be sent to the town clerk to be posted until the budget hearing on October 17, when the final budget will be approved.

4. Fire department gear:
 - The members have indicated sizes on a list. Paul has a vendor in Arcade that can do the vests at a reasonable price, any number needed. Motion to approve the purchase of needed safety vests up to \$600: made by DonG, seconded by Stew, approved. The amount can be adjusted as needed.
 - Shelby extrication gloves: Motion to order one pair of large gloves in order to determine the sizes needed: Made by Ron, seconded by DonS, approved.
 - Motion to order 300 feet of webbing : made by DonG, seconded by DonS, approved.

New Business

5. New members:
 - Austin Bishop - to be an active fire company member
Motion to approve – made by Ron, seconded by DonS, approved.
 - Allie Corcoran – as an associate member
Motion to approve – made by Ron, seconded by DonS, approved.
- 6 Paul reported that the Pump Operations course has finished. Otto had 12 members successfully complete the course.

Training after the meeting on Monday included a talk by Angela reminding members what due regard is for driving district apparatus. Trisha went through some of the essential items that could be needed by the EMT at an ambulance call. This was followed by the truck captains taking people out to practice driving.

7. Chief's report:
 - Trisha has been having trouble contacting the Churchville representative and so she and Matt thought they should try a different vendor for pricing turnout gear. It was mentioned that as long as you have a company with a state contract price you do not need multiple quotes. Two sets of exterior boots are still needed – for Paul Eder and Nina Marek.
 - A single unit radio charger is needed so that Yeidy Bishop, new ambulance lieutenant, can have one of the radios currently on Otto7. There are two radios that need new batteries. Robert Barber Jr has ordered some, but the order is backordered. Motion that Robert Barber Jr order the charger and two batteries soon; made by DonG, seconded by Ron, approved.