



**Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, September 13th, 2023
Station 43 North Corning Fire Dept, Inc.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 1735
2. Roll Call of Commissioners present: Commissioner Clarkson, Commissioner Eccleston, Commissioner Gridley, Commissioner Shafer
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Shafer
4. Motion to approve minutes of CJFD Board of Fire Commissioner meetings on August 2nd, 2023 and August 16th, 2023 by Commissioner Eccleston with a second by Commissioner Clarkson. Motion carried. None opposed.
5. Motion to approve the following nominations for membership in the Fire Companies that comprise the firefighting force of the Corning Joint Fire District.
 - Station 16: Madison Sullivan
 - Station 34: none
 - Station 43: Katelyn Quick (Transfer from social to active member) and Chris NoblesMotion by Commissioner Eccleston to approve all new members contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory background check. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gridley and carried. None opposed.
6. Motion to receive and review the Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Clarkson with a second by Commissioner Eccleston. Motion carried. None opposed.
 - Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Gridley with a second by Commissioner Eccleston. Motion carried. None opposed.
 - Motion to approve transfer of \$20,000 from CJFD's ICS account# xxxxx4090 to CJFD's General Checking account# xxxxx0297 to cover monthly expenses by Commissioner Gridley with a second by Commissioner Clarkson. Motion carried. None opposed.
7. Motion by Commissioner Clarkson to review and act on Resolution 2023-06 Joint Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Corning Joint Fire District (FD385) and the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Gibson Fire District (FD381) Pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 17-A and Scheduling a Joint Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gridley and carried. None Opposed. Discussion ensued. Motion by Commissioner Clarkson to approve the Joint Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Gridley. Voice vote: Commissioner Shafer: aye, Commissioner Clarkson: aye, Commissioner Gridley: aye, Commissioner Eccleston: aye. Motion carried. None opposed.
8. Motion by Commissioner Gridley to review, discuss and improve CJFD's FY2024 Property Tax Cap Calculation, FY2024 Statutory Spending Limit Operating Report, FY2023 Estimated Yr-End Balances Report, and an updated draft of CJFD's Proposed 2024 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Clarkson. Motion carried. None opposed.
9. Motion by Commissioner Clarkson to review and act on CJFD's Proposed Consolidated Operating Budget for 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Eccleston. Motion carried. None opposed. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Commissioner Clarkson to adopt the Proposed Consolidated Budget was seconded by Commissioner Eccleston and carried. None opposed.
10. Motion by Commissioner Gridley to review and act on Resolution 2023-07 to set a Public Referendum for December 12th, 2023 to determine whether a Service Award Program shall be established for CJFD on 1/1/2024 was seconded by Commissioner Clarkson and carried. None opposed. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Commissioner Eccleston to approve

Resolution 2023-07 and seconded by Commissioner Clarkson. Voice vote: Commissioner Eccleston: aye, Commissioner Shafer: aye, Commissioner Clarkson: aye, Commissioner Gridley: aye. Motion carried. None opposed.

11. Motion to discuss status of the following CJFD initiatives by Commissioner Eccleston with a second by Commissioner Gridley. Motion carried. None opposed.

- Rotary Grant Program update by Jennifer Mullen. Smoke alarm flyers sent out to Smith school with kindergarten class. Several parents reached out for install and Jennifer is setting that up.

12. Motion to discuss the following prospective purchases by Commissioner Gridley.

- Fire Prevention Week supplies purchased this month for \$930. This will allow coloring books, plastic helmets for school education. Jennifer to purchase ribbon for children to tie around meeting place. In coloring book package, the student will have paper to create an escape plan for two ways out. When the student creates this plan, they may bring this to the fire station and receive a prize pack. Jennifer will purchase prizes for completed plans. A drawing of three students will be held at the end of October for gift cards to increase incentive to work on two ways out.

13. Motion to discuss recruitment and retention initiatives for CJFD:

- Discuss proposed initiative to create an integrated academic/Bunk-In program.
 - Development of AAS program @ Corning Community College

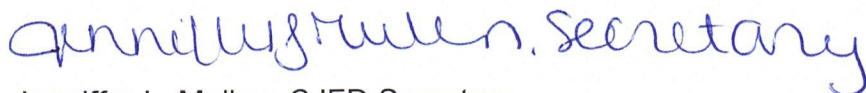
14. Motion to discuss firematic-related topics with District Chief and Deputy Chiefs by Commissioner Eccleston with a second by Commissioner Clarkson. Motion carried. None opposed.

- Thank you letter from Habitat for Humanity for the service provided during the fire was read aloud.
- JPB has begun services at Station 16. Chief Brenning to purchase six batteries to update apparatus as low readings noted. Moving to Station 43 tomorrow and Station 34 next week. States Gibson engine at Station 43 running well and feels it is in immaculate condition. States needs new tires as 1999 tires are on apparatus. Fixed ECM and needs new belts and water belts. States all small repairs.
- John will be in next week to complete pump tests on Engine 25. After pump test will take to Syracuse and will repair valves next week.
- Don Karns is at Robert Packer Hospital with injuries suffered in a fall. Chief Brenning would like to send flowers to the hospital.
- Chief Brenning has a prospective buyer for the TNT power tools @ Station 43. Small department in Syracuse area would like to purchase. Proceeds would be used to help defray the cost of a new Hurst Combi Tool that is directly compatible with the rest of our extrication equipment and costs approximately \$14,500. Batteries, charger would also be interchangeable with equipment at 16/43 and the manufacturer to perform annual service checks on all tools at one time. Motion made by Commissioner Clarkson to sell TNT tools to the Fleming (NY) Fire District for \$12,000 and purchase a Hurst extrication tool for \$14,500. Motion seconded Commissioner Eccleston and carried. None opposed.

15. Visitor's Comments: None

16. Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 1845 pm by Commissioner Clarkson with a second by Commissioner Eccleston. Motion carried. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

 Jennifer L. Mullen, Secretary

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Upcoming Events / Important Dates:

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 CJFD Fire Commissioner's Monthly Meeting at Station 43 at 5:30pm

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 Public Hearing on Proposed Merger of CJFD and Gibson Fire District at Corning Town Hall at 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 Public Hearing on CJFD's 2024 Proposed Budget at Corning Town Hall, at 7pm.