

**Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department  
Main Street  
Copenhagen, New York**

**JULY Meeting Minutes**

**Held on: July 7, 2022**

**Minutes Taken by: Diana Russell**

**Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department (herein after referred to as CVFD)**

**Members Present (Attendance sheet attached hereto)**

**James Henry-President Present**

**Terry Williams-VP Present**

**Brandy Kuehnle-Treasurer Absent**

**Diana Russell-Secretary Present**

*\*Call to Order by President Jim Henry at 7 p.m.*

*\*Pledge said by TJ Williams*

*\*Blessing on Meeting by Jerry Flanders*

*\*Roll Call taken by the Secretary-Auxiliary has received their copies of the bylaws.*

*\*\*Correspondence read by Secretary  
(all correspondence included in file with minutes)*

*-Chief's Report received*

*\*Minutes from June Meeting*

*-additions, corrections, deletions?*

**MOTION PROPOSED BY: ROGER BATES**

*Motion to accept minutes.*

**SECOND: BILL HENRY**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*\*Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting*

*-additions, corrections, deletions?*

**MOTION PROPOSED BY: ROGER BATES**

*Motion to accept minutes.*

**SECOND: BILL HENRY**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*\*Treasurer's Report (see Treasurer's report)-not read*

*\*Bills to be paid read (see Treasurer's report)-not read*

*-need to make sure the county tax bill is taken care of.*

*-Drill team cleaning bills, \$600.00  
-Farney's bill for \$2.91*

**MOTION PROPOSED BY : BILL HENRY/JERRY FLANDERS**

*Motion to pay the 3 bills*

**SECOND: LUCAS GOUTERMOUT/BILL HENRY**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**\*ALL PAYMENT EMAILS AND VOUCHERS ARE TAKEN SET UP FOR LORI WHEELER. WE WILL BE STARTING THAT THIS MONTH.**

**MOTION PROPOSED BY: BILL HENRY/BILL HENRY**

*Motion to pay NiMo, Spectrum, Credit Cards online and then submit a voucher for payment to the Village for reimbursement, since all are set up online.*

**SECOND: LUCAS GOUTERMOUT/JERRY FLANDERS**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*-Lexipol*

**MOTION PROPOSED BY : TJ WILLIAMS**

*Motion to discontinue our Lexipol agreement*

**SECOND: BILL HENRY**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**\*Officers Reports:**

*\*Chief Report-TJ Williams-Thanks to everyone that has come to the 5 calls this last month.*

*-Water pump getting closer to dry hydrant near the River. Told the guy at the wind towers that it's in the way. If we have to move it, we will move it.*

*-2 trainings last month for interior. We had a training with the jaws and hand tools, went well.*

*-if you need tags, TJ has the forms. EVERYONE NEEDS THEM.*

*-PESH reports are done/complete. We didn't get fined, off the hook pretty good. There will not be a next time. Wear your turnout gear. If you aren't trained to do it, don't be there.*

*-rescue truck is back. Absolutely do not back a fire truck up without a ground guide. Pay attention to what we are doing. It is not fixed correctly, still functionable and right, but the new piece is coming from the manufacturer, could be 3 weeks to 6 months. It is working properly for now.*

*-BEFO starts in August. 1 RAM started and will take it again. May have a second RAM starting in August.*

*-Classes are coming up, sign up on your own.  
-3 parades coming up. Watertown Tuesday 7/12, Lowville Tuesday 7/19 wearing short sleeves, August 6 in Constableville at 7 pm. Had a great time last time. Lets participate.*

*-TJ has new red book paperwork. A copy will be in every truck.  
-Towers, Bob McKenzie said there will be a tower training for windmill guys soon. There will be notification sent out. It will be in Lowville's District.  
-updating roster will be sent to TJ*

*\*1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Report  
Chief Report by Bill Henry-nothing*

*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Report  
Chief Report by Shane Henry-absent*

*\*Fire Police-Jerry Flanders-had 3 people that attended Jeff Co. Fire Police meeting. Lewis Co and Jefferson Co, fire police things were explained. There will be a training this month or next as a refresher course at Wellesley Island. Thanks to everyone who has fire police'd the past few calls. Wear equipment. People are watching us.*

*\*President's Report-Jim Henry-Horse Pull report is completed. Report will be attached to Treasurer's reports.*

*\*VP Report-Terry Williams-nothing*

***\*Committee Reports:***

*-BYLAWS-Diana Russell*

*-AUDIT-Jerry Flanders/Gerald Snyder  
-nothing to audit*

*-NOMINATING-Terry Williams  
-nothing*

*-MEMBERSHIP/INVESTIGATING-Gerald Snyder  
-nothing*

*-TRUCK-TJ Williams  
-thanks to Scott for fixing the lights on the brush truck.*

*-FUNDRAISING-Terry Williams  
-nothing*

*-BANQUET-TJ Williams/Jim Henry*

-nothing

-GOOD & WELFARE-Jerry Flanders

-card to Sam Lundy on the death of his brother in Wyoming.

-RAMS-TJ Williams

-there was a meeting with Noah Williams and TJ Williams, all is good. They are recommending him as a member.

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-Jim Henry

-nothing heard back from Terry Murrock.

-have been cleaning up out back. Most of the fence post is all gone. We had a bill for \$750 to fix a bobcat window. TJ has access to a dozer, trying to level it off and seed it. Telephone poles were left. Piping will be put up for sale.

-TJ thanks everyone who has been helping to clean everything up.

-someone will be coming here to do fire extinguishers. We need them all in here.

-TJ has a friend to donate a paint machine and some paint possibly to donate, about painting the building. We are going to get options. Won't cost us anything. Will be brought up at next meeting. We are going to test it to see if it will stick to the steel.

-TJ indicated we patched the roof. Is the patch job going to be good for the winter. Mike Lundy was here a few years ago and there was a rubberized coating that LUNCO uses that is guaranteed for 30-50 years. That could be an option to coat the roof and protect it. Price coats to reinsulate and recap with steel was \$64,000.

-we need to get a quote on the watertown side of building

-BUDGET COMMITTEE-Jim Henry

Nothing

-50/50-\$3.00 donated back by Jim Henry

***\*Unfinished Business***

-box keys need to be made so we have all of the boxes accessible. Terry indicated that we should have a key box, have Chief and President have a key to the key box

***MOTION PROPOSED BY : LUCAS GOUTERMOUT/JERRY FLANDERS***

*Motion to small key box to hold the keys from the General Fund up to \$100.00*

***SECOND: SCOTT ALEXANDER/ROGER BATES***

***ALL IN FAVOR***

***MOTION CARRIED***

-Scott Alexander asked about the steel on the pumper? All going in the new roll-off.

-Scott asked about What about the actual pumper? Jim said it belongs to the drill team. Scott suggested to send it down the road, don't piece it out. It takes money and we

have no money.

*MOTION PROPOSED BY : SCOTT ALEXANDER*

*Motion to put the pumper out front for \$1,000 as is*

*SECOND: LUCAS GOUTERMOUT*

*ALL IN FAVOR*

*MOTION CARRIED*

-Terry did go down and take care of the contract. We never accepted the last contract, we didn't sign it, the village kept the money, we didn't get a copy until April. Contracts need to be negotiated.

-Brad Pinsky is coming 6:30 Monday for the SOGS/BEST PRACTICES.

-Fundraiser money that is in the general account, Terry contacted WSB and they don't charge for a checking account as long as it's active. Only charge you get is if you request a bank statement, \$2.00 a month. Something to think about.

-FASNY account is inactive so we get charged every month.

*MOTION PROPOSED BY: JERRY FLANDERS/JERRY FLANDERS*

*Motion to donate \$100.00 to the FASNY fund to keep it current*

*SECOND: ROGER BATES/LYNN HENRY*

*ALL IN FAVOR*

*MOTION CARRIED*

-Bill asked if we made a motion last month to not spend money; why? We have to sometimes.

***\*New Business***

-Noah Williams, based on the recommendation of the RAMS Committee will become a RAM, after approval from the Village.

-Scott Alexander asked if the rescue has ever been weighed? We can take it and have it weighed. The weight is in the window of 41,000 lbs. we don't have nearly what Bayshore had on it.

-Copenhagen Coalition is having a meeting next Thursday night. Jerry contacted Molly and we need to make a decision to send them a letter that we would like to continue it. They want to move to a night parade, rather than a day parade. They are planning a dedication ceremony for the tree.

*MOTION PROPOSED BY: JERRY FLANDERS*

*Motion to do the Christmas Parade and Chicken BBQ, as well as the Auxiliary functions to correlate with the Copenhagen Coalition.*

*SECOND: ROGER BATES*

*ALL IN FAVOR*

*MOTION CARRIED*

-Officials of CVFD will be in Deerfield, Main Transit and Jefferson/Lewis County Fairs and August 3 Gouverneur parade.

-Can we do the attendance sheets through IAmResponding? We are wasting paper. We can also put up a TV that has IAmResponding scrolling to show when trainings are and what is going on in the department. Terry Williams will look into it.

-has anyone thought about getting an account with Dollar General? Roger said get ahold of Patty. Scott Alexander will talk to her.

-Town of Champion meeting was on Tuesday, so we didn't attend. We did read the minutes. There are questions. There were 3 town members there to discuss a contract.

-the '96 was taken down to Champions parade and received a warm welcome.

-many people might know or not know that Jerry Flanders does a lot for the Department. It is appreciated. Not everyone can have access to IAmResponding.

-we should get rid of the squad car if we are getting rid of the pumper.

*MOTION PROPOSED BY : TJ WILLIAMS*

*Motion to put the squad car out for \$1000 as is*

*SECOND: SCOTT ALEXANDER.*

*ALL IN FAVOR*

*MOTION CARRIED*

-Bill with Martinsburg/Watson for water \$401.00, bill was sent to us. We got a \$200 donation. We have to pay the bill for \$401.00 and Bill needs to let him know we have to pay \$200.

*MOTION PROPOSED BY: JIM HENRY/BILL HENRY*

*Motion to we pay the bill and get reimbursed afterwards from the homeowner*

*SECOND: BILL HENRY/LYNN HENRY*

*WITH DISSENT FROM SCOTT ALEXANDER/TERI HENRY*

*MOTION CARRIED AFTER DISCUSSION*

-Jim has Drill Team tickets for \$20.00 for a roll of lottery tickets.

-Jim talked to Code Enforcement and said the issue was with the old squad car. They are now undercover.

*\*Good of the Department*

*-Scott indicated he thanks everyone for cleaning up out back. Great job.*

*-Terry wants it stated that he isn't beating up Jerry Flanders on the job he does. We should recognize everyone in this room.*

*-Gerald Carter indicated, as a non-member, thanks to everyone for what they do and cleaning up. Made a resolution last month not to do anything with the ditch, but hopefully that can be taken care of with the cleanup. On the note of what TJ said, for a month and a half it was down further and then they moved it up. Gerald really hopes something can be done with the ditch, needs to be cleaned out.*

*-Drill team needs to clean this week and next week.*

**MOTION PROPOSED BY: BILL HENRY**  
*Motion to Adjourn Monthly Meeting*  
**SECOND: LUCAS GOUTERMOUT**  
**ALL IN FAVOR**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

*\*Monthly Meeting of the CVFD adjourned by Motion at 8:06 p.m.*

**\*\*Minutes of the July 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting taken and transcribed by Diana Russell, Notary Public, in and for the State of New York.**