



## GLASSY MOUNTAIN FIRE SERVICE AREA

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### Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting February 19, 2024 – Meeting Held at Headquarters and via Microsoft Teams

**Commissioners in attendance:** Andrea Martin, Bob Coseo, Shawn McDonald, Stuart Safft, Patrick Walker

**Commissioners absent:** James White, Patrick Frye

**Staff in attendance:** Chief Robert Staples, Kelley Murphy

**Public in attendance:** Natasha Hipp

- I. **Call to Order** – Comm. Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm
- II. **Invocation** given by Chief Staples
- III. **Public Commentary:** Natasha Hipp addressed the board concerning encroachment on her property which borders the Headquarters property. Ms. Hipp said that for several years personnel have been mowing grass on her property, had placed a sign on her property, and recently had put some limbs on her property. She did not have a problem with the sign being on her property; however, she did state that she would have liked to have been asked. Ms. Hipp's main concern was that property lines were not confused and that we were aware of where her property lines are. She offered to provide a plat of the land. The board thanked her for bringing these issues to their attention and expressed their desire to continue to be a good neighbor.
- IV. **Consent Items:**
  - **Minutes:** No Comment.
  - **Financial:** Comm. Coseo stated that the Cliffs Wage Reimbursement was received in February and was merely a timing issue. Fuel expenses were also the result of payment timing. Expenses are tracking as expected.
  - **Operational Report:** Chief Staples reported in addition to his formal reports the following:
    - i. The Assistance to Firefighters' Grant is now open for applications. Because of the concern for firefighter safety and cancer risks, grant requests for emission reduction projects are higher priority for grants. Chief Staples proposed requesting assistance for exhaust mitigation devices which would prevent harmful exhaust fumes both in the station and on the scene. The grant request of approximately \$175,000 would require a 10% or \$17,500 commitment from the department, if approved. **Comm. McDonald made a motion to approve the request for diesel apparatus. Comm. Safft seconded. All approved.**
    - ii. Conversations with Slater-Marietta and Tigerville concerning Mutual aid response boundaries have been ongoing with anticipation of providing better services for all upstate citizens through our cooperation. Tryon Fire Department has also reached out in regards to providing mutual aide support in our district in the Oak Grove area. They are not being dispatched by Greenville County.
    - iii. Chief Staples also presented his 2024 Operations plan.

**Approval:** Comm. McDonald made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Comm. Coseo seconded. All Approved.



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**V. Commissioner Commentary:** Comm. Safft raised concerns about extended EMS response times which have been consistently delayed for several years. Comm. Safft requested that we investigate the feasibility of providing ambulance transport.

**VI. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

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James White, Board Chairman

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Shawn McDonald, Secretary

**The Commission's next scheduled regular meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2024, at Headquarters and via Microsoft Teams, beginning at 4:30 PM.**

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