



Commissioners Meeting – November 13, 2014

Present: Ron Streeter, Dale Nicholson, Frank Barney, Sue Wood, Earl McBride

Absent: Carl Pitts

Guests: Steve Parker (Chief), Ryan Sullivan, Dick Daby, Gerald Goldsworth, Joe VanElls

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. An addition regarding 2% insurance money was added under Old Business. Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to approve the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Frank Barney) made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 9 and October 30 meetings as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

[United States Postal Department	\$49.00
[National Grid	\$178.41
[MX Fuels	\$168.89
[Champlain Communications	\$1.95
[Nicholville Telephone	\$68.15
[Wilber's Hardware	\$93.90
[Northern New York Newspaper	\$47.73

An additional invoice for Susan Wood in the amount of \$600 was added. Please note that \$13.09 was deducted from the payment to MX Fuels in October for gas tax. This amount needed to be added back in as fire districts need to pay gas tax and will need to complete a form to get reimbursed. Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve payment of claims. All in favor; motion carried.

Earl McBride presented the financial report for November. An error was discovered in the check book in the amount of \$383.93 for a check that was not subtracted by the previous treasurer. A \$100 deposit was made for an insurance reimbursement. The beginning balance was \$40,030.51; with the two (2) additions, the current balance will be \$38,525.46. Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Gerald Goldsworth spoke with the furnace person, who noted the furnace shouldn't be sitting on the floor. It needs to be raised up. The furnace was cleaned Tuesday morning by Cornerstone.

Chief's Report – There are no known building or mechanical issues to report. Truck inspections, inventory, and SCBA inspections were completed. E-61 is leaking red oil in the approximate location of the pump. This needs to be looked into.

Last month members logged in 29 man hours responding to calls; 53 man hours of training; 22.5 man hours of general station work. This does not include the hours from the chicken barbeque as attendance was not taken. Mandatory Ebola training was conducted.

Colin Pearl remains suspended. Nate Francis has submitted his letter of resignation and is no longer a member.

The gear ordered from Tyler Fire has arrived and will be distributed. Chief Parker would like to request the purchase of four (4) gear bags. The department is holding a rifle raffle with the drawing held at the December meeting.

Last month proposed fire department policies were distributed for review. The commissioners were asked if anyone had any comments or concerns. Discussion followed on the policies. Two (2) of the commissioners are not in favor of the Member Conduct Policy as currently written. Concerns centered on stepping on the First Amendment and who is going to monitor. There were no problems with the media policy.

The grant writer, Melanie Sherwin, has contacted the department regarding writing a grant. She has offered to write a FEMA grant for \$1500 and only paid if the grant is awarded.

Calls for the month included:

- [10/15 Vehicle Fire, 2491 State Highway 11B – 6 members
- [10/21 Missing Hunter, Santamont/Fletcher Road – 7 members
- [10/29 Structure Fire, 3512 State Highway 11B, mutual aid to Nicholville, 8 members

Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to approve the Chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

Correspondence –

- [Notice of workshop on Safety and Fire Considerations for Solar. This will be held on Thursday, December 4. Dale Nicholson will attend.
- [Earl McBride – letter of intent for district treasurer
- [Joachim VanElls – letter of intent for commissioner
- [Ronald Streeter – letter of intent for commissioner
- [ProFleet – quote from David Fullerton regarding undercoating of vehicles for \$1225. It was recommended that this be done in the summer.
- [CornerStone – quote on water system in fire station of \$3,550

Dale Nicholson noted that Lowe's was paid by check #1593. This was a purchase made and paid for by the fire department. Therefore, Lowe's was paid twice. The department will need to work with Lowe's to get the money refunded to the department's debit card.

Old Business

- [A question was raised as to whether the 2% insurance money was paid to the department. A search of financial records showed that \$849.46 was deposited into the district account on 6/18/14 but never paid to the department. Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to pay the fire department for the 2% insurance money. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business

- [Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to purchase four (4) gear bags. All in favor; motion carried.
- [Ron Streeter (Frank Barney) made a motion to purchase two (2) 5" stortz fittings. Some of the hoses that didn't pass were cut down to smaller lengths. All in favor; motion carried. [Ron Streeter will order]
- [Election updates: legal ad was placed in the newspaper; voter list was requested from the Board of Elections; town hall reserved for Tuesday, December 9 from 6:00 – 9:00; tellers have been appointed
- [Envelopes were ordered; also need to order a seal
- [Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to have Melanie Sherwin write a grant applying for a new tanker. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary

