



Fire Commissioners – Minutes July 10, 2014

Present: Frank Barney, Ron Streeter, Carl Pitts, Dale Nicholson, Jim Hollenbeck, Sue Wood, Dustan McKee

Guests: Ernest Wood, Benjamin Wood, Gerald Goldsworth, Steve Parker, Greg Crump, Dick Daby

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barney at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the June minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment by Treasurer McKee:

[WalMart	\$755.95
[National Grid	\$143.56
[Environmental Health Screening	\$825.00
[Tyler Fire Equipment	\$303.35
[City Electric	\$214.90
[Evans and White	\$149.32
[A/C Auto Parts	\$16.15
[Nicholville Telephone	\$68.06
[Elliotts Farm Supply	\$7.49

Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve payment of July claims. All in favor; motion carried.

The financial report was presented. The beginning balance was \$80,905.84; deposits of \$60 and \$30 were made for water hauls; a deposit of \$1,548.90 for insurance refund. After payment of above claims the ending balance will be \$80,066.46. Carl Pitts (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Ernest Wood reported that he had spoken with Mike White with the insurance company. Mike has suggested that the commissioners pay and wait for reimbursement. Frank Barney was given the claims previously but did not have them with him.

Chief's Report – Steve Parker reported that the following building maintenance has been completed: new lights installed in truck bays, new flag pole installed, front of station has been repainted, sign board has been repainted, and rebuilt the shed over the fuel tanks. Remaining work consists of repairing and repainting the entry canopy soffit, cut parking lot and run electrical to sign and repaint truck bay floors. E61 appears to have a small coolant leak but the source is undetermined at this time. All other trucks appear to be in working order. Truck inspections and inventory have been completed. Members logged in 18.5 man hours responding to calls; 30 man hours of training; 65 man hours spent doing general station/work details. An in house live drill was conducted – fire scene and establishing a draft site. Self rescue kits were received. Franklin County car 1 will be conducting training when Dickinson Fire Department does their annual refresher. Approval has been received from the insurance company to order the replacement turnout coat for Ben Wood. Calls for the month included a lift assist for Tri-Town Rescue with 4 members on 6/16 and an outdoor fire at 423 County Route 49 with 11 members.

Dale Nicholson commented on the work that was completed at the station. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

Correspondence

- [Received the annual survey from the insurance company

New Business

- [Grant Writer – Chief Parker put out feelers for a grant writer. He met with someone on Monday night that is a member of Bangor Fire Department. She has done one for Massena Rescue as well as her own department. Her fee is 2% of whatever is applied for. His search on line shows that a professional charges 5-6%. A discussion was held on the pros and cons. A suggestion was made that perhaps she would accept 1% upfront and 1% if and when the grant was received. No action was taken.
- [Generator on R71 – the generator appears to work sometimes. Parts cannot be located. A discussion was held as to what this was actually used for and if actually needed. This was tabled until next month.

Old Business

- [Northern Fire Equipment has been contacted regarding the invoice for ETA49. This will be reimbursed to the district by deducting from an outstanding future invoice.
- [Turnout Gear – 3 quotes were received: Tyler Fire Equipment, Admiral Fire & Safety and NY Fire Equipment. Steve Parker reported that due to a miscommunication in the specifications one company quoted different types of material than the other two companies. Therefore, it was decided to ask Tyler Fire Equipment to requote based on the same specifications as the other bids. A special meeting will be scheduled once the quotes are received.

- [It was decided that since Ben Wood would be receiving a new coat due to the insurance claim, the commissioners would purchase a new set of pants for him.
- [Insurance claim – Frank Barney (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to reimburse Ernest Wood for the co-pays of the insurance claims. 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 7:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary