



Fire Commissioners – Minutes May 8, 2014

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

Guests: Ernie Wood, Gerald Goldsworth, Joe VanElls, Steve Parker, Greg Crump, Dick Daby

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion to accept the minutes from April 10. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer McKee presented the following claims for payment:

[Midstate Industrial Supply	\$54.00
[Evans and White	\$59.93
[Nicholville Telephone	\$66.55
[G and E Extinguishers	\$165.00
[Scanlon Auto Parts	\$33.98
[MX Fuels	\$805.40
[Admiral Fire & Safety	\$49.40
[National Grid	\$413.65 (changed to \$130.11)
[Lamphere Trucking	\$342.06
[The Computer Guys	\$45.00

A question was asked why the National Grid bill was so high. A review of the bill showed that \$280.54 was a carry over from the previous month. Further review of the bank reconciliation showed that this payment had cleared the bank; therefore the amount owed to National Grid was changed to \$130.11. Carl Pitts (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve payment of claims presented, with the revision for National Grid. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – none

Chief's Report

There are no known building or mechanical equipment issues to report. The members are interested in providing the labor for building maintenance if the district would be willing to purchase materials. Items discussed include repairing and repainting the entry canopy soffit, repainting the signage board, repaint the front of the building, the fuel retaining wall and the truck bay floors. Lights have been donated to the department and Skip Zahler has volunteered to do the necessary wiring.

All trucks are in working order at this time. E61 was sent for foam system repair.

The members voted to allow Tanner Brownell as a RAM. Rick LaShomb has moved outside the fire district; due to the distance, he is no longer an active member. All equipment was secured. Last month members logged in 31 man hours responding to calls, 133 man hours of training, and 70 man hours of general station work. Truck training hours were logged and 4 hours of mandatory OSHA refresher was completed on May 3rd. Currently there are only 4 or 5 members lacking the mandatory OSHA training. A special class will be held on July 31. If the members do not complete at that time, they will be placed on restricted duty (no calls or training except for OSHA).

Ben Wood experienced a high heat situation at a barn fire in Nicholville on May 1. The damaged equipment includes a AV2000 SCBA mask, goggles, helmet light and turn out coat. He questioned whether this is our claim or Nicholville's.

Self Rescue kits have been ordered. The bags and ropes have been received but waiting for the harnesses. Helmet decals, safety glasses and gloves have been ordered as previously approved.

Calls for the month include an MVA on 4/4/14 on St. Highway 458 (3 miles from 11B) with 11 members; structure fire (shed) at 165 Sheldon Road on 4/29/14 with 11 members.

A question was asked as to how OSHA training figures compared to last year – the number went from 13 to 4 not completing.

Carl Pitts (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

Correspondence: A refund check for \$815.31 was received from the insurance company for the cancellation of the Ford pumper.

New Business: The June meeting date needs to be changed due to secretary being out of town. Ron Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. All in favor; motion carried. Sue will advertise.

E61 foam system cannot be repaired. The truck is back in the station. A new system could be purchased for \$3500 to \$4000. No action was taken.

Chairman Barney asked Chief Parker to start compiling the equipment requests for the 2015 budget. He would like the list available at the June meeting so budget work can be started in July.

Chairman Barney informed the chief that smaller gloves need to be ordered for the women and RAM members. He mentioned he noticed it was hard to handle the hoses when the gloves are too big. Chief Parker will get with specific members and size them for either small or medium.

Dale Nicholson (Ron Streeter) made a motion to accept Tanner Brownell as a RAM member. All in favor; motion carried.

Ron Streeter volunteered to contact Mike White of the insurance company regarding the damaged equipment from the Nicholville fire.

Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to approve the purchase of materials for building maintenance as stated in the Chief's report. All in favor; motion carried. It was noted that there is still white paint available for painting the cement blocks on the retainer wall.

Ron Streeter (Carl Pitts) made a motion to approve the electrical upgrades and to purchase new wiring and energy efficient bulbs. All in favor; motion carried.

Ron Streeter stated he would like to congratulate Steve for the response on the OSHA training.

Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts) made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a specific fireman issue. All in favor; motion carried. Executive session entered at 7:34 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Dale Nicholson (Carl Pitts). All in favor; motion carried.

Ron Streeter (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary

