Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Trustees Meeting

March 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken. Trustees present: Duffy Deffenbaugh, Scott Roth, Larry Borhart, John Hannah and Bob Henderson. Also present: Chief Jones, Cindy Giertz.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

The bills payable and treasurer’s report were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer’s report for February. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer’s report was unanimous.

Old Business

1. Discussed replacement batteries for 8675. It appears that the switch is inoperable. The current switch will be replaced with an on-off switch.
2. Discussed the water rescue equipment purchase. The Chief noted that he is still researching to find appropriate preservers.
3. Discussed the condition of the roof. It appears that the nails need to be removed and replaced with screws, among other repairs that are needed. Scott will contact Graber to discuss the repairs and obtain a quote. Larry made a motion to discuss/approve the quote via a teleconference/meeting. Scott seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve this was unanimous.
4. Discussed the renovation of the men’s bathroom. Cody provided a quote to renovate the bathroom and replace the toilet in the women’s bathroom. Bob made a motion to purchase the materials for the renovation. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.
5. It was noted that over 100 smoke alarms have been installed, with an additional 48 homes on the list.
6. Discussed the water softener. Duffy made a motion to purchase a new water softener from Culligan. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.

New Business

1. None.

Chief’s Old Business

1. The Chief distributed a proposal with suggestions for pay raises. This includes having one Paramedic/EMT and Firefighter at the station for forty hours for each position during the time when availability of personnel is lowest. During the scheduled time, they would be responsible for a variety of duties, including testing of equipment, preparation of reports, etc. It was noted that the Trustees would need to discuss this with the insurance company and the attorney to ensure that this would be acceptable for a volunteer fire department. Duffy noted that the Trustees will review the proposal.
2. The Chief reported that the trucks will be serviced before the next meeting.
3. The Chief noted that the intake valve has arrived.
4. The Chief finalized and submitted the application for the grant for radios, pagers, etc.

Chief’s New Business

1. The Chief noted that new chairs are needed for the radio room and the secretary’s office. Duffy made a motion to purchase 5 new chairs. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.
2. The Chief noted that three members will be taking the EMT class at a cost of $800 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.