Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Trustees Meeting

April 18, 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 March meeting were reviewed. John made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

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

Old Business

1. Demonstration of new grain bin auger was done. Discussed possibility of purchasing safety harnesses.
2. There has been no action on house number requirements.
3. Discussed the repair of the roof. Recommendation made for Scott and John to develop bid specifications for roof replacement before the May meeting so a bid proposal can be placed in the newspaper.
4. Discussed the pay raise proposal noted. Noted that legal advice is necessary before action can be taken.
5. Batteries and switch have been installed on 8675.
6. Noted that the water softener has been purchased/installed. The old water softener needs to be picked up.
7. Discussed the concrete at the front of the building. John noted that it’s not feasible to repair/replace the roof and repair the concrete at the same time, with the roof being a priority.
8. Discussed the water rescue equipment purchase. The Chief noted that life preservers with the appropriate rating for firefighters are available at a cost of about $100 each.
9. Renovation of the restrooms will begin within the next few weeks.
10. The Chief reported that truck checks should be completed by the end of next week.
11. It was noted that over 100 smoke alarms have been installed, with an additional 100 homes on the list. Installation of about 35 alarms will take place on April 28.

New Business

1. Discussed the flagpole, which is down again. The Chief is waiting for a response from the company from which the firepole was purchased. The Chief contacted the insurance company, which noted that there is a $500 deductible. No claim has been filed at this time. Discussed options for repair/replacement.

Chief’s Old Business

1. The Chief presented a proposal with a quote for annual hose and ladder testing by FireCatt. Duffy made a motion to purchase a 3 year contract for hose and ladder testing only at a cost of $1,840 annually for hose testing and $180 annually for ladder testing for FireCatt and $500 annually to the fireman’s fund for reloading the apparatus with the tested hose. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.
2. The Chief reported that there were 289 attendees at the Pancake-Sausage Breakfast. Profit for the fireman’s fund was $1,791.

Chief’s New Business

1. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.