Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Trustees Meeting

September 19, 2018

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

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

Minutes from the August 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. Bob made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer’s report for August. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer’s report was unanimous.

Old Business

1. Discussion was held about the leftover roofing material in response to a question from Firefighter Cody Davis. It was decided that the leftover material will be made available to Cody but must be picked up within one week after completion of the roof replacement. After that timeframe, the material will be disposed of.
2. The Chief presented the analysis of costs for the proposal for firefighter pay. Based on data from November 2017 to August 31, 2018, the proposal would increase firefighter pay an additional $44,400 (if all current department members were present at each meeting, training session and all calls). Duffy noted that we should also consider reimbursement for testifying in court. It was noted that we may need to discuss this with the attorney before proceeding.
3. The EMT course policies/mileage reimbursement will be discussed at the October meeting.

New Business

1. Discussion was held about the need to continue requiring background checks for all applicants to the fire department.

Chief’s Old Business

1. The Chief noted that the Amkus extrication equipment has been repaired. It was recommended that the hoses be replaced at a cost of $275 per hose for the 8’ hoses and $295 per hose for the 10’ hoses. John will look at the hoses to see if he can replace them. The Chief provided information on costs for a new battery-operated tool, with the spreader priced at $9,900 (36” reach) and the extended reach tips at $900 (additional 8” reach).
2. Hose testing was completed on 8/27/18. The Chief noted that some of the 5” hose failed. He recommended replacing the 50’ lengths with 100’ lengths at a cost of $4.23 per foot. John made a motion to purchase three 100’ lengths at a cost of $1,269. Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Chief’s New Business

1. The Chief presented information on FEMA grants for 2018. He noted that the priority this year seems to be for heart monitors. He provided information on the costs to replace the department’s two advanced heart monitors and six AEDs (approximately $86,000). These devices are also able to upload information to our EMS reporting system. He indicated that the fire protection district would be required to cover 5% of the grant amount. He suggested that we work with the same grant writer who we’ve used in the past at a cost of $750. John made a motion to proceed with the FEMA grant proposal and pay the grant writer $750. Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. Discussion was held about the date of the November Trustees meeting. Duffy made a motion to move the meeting to November 20, 2018. Bob seconded the motion. Cindy will update the meeting schedule and will post to the board outside the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.