Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Trustees Meeting

February 20, 2019

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

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

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Scott 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 January. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer’s report was unanimous.

Old Business

1. Scott received an estimate for the bathroom renovation from Ron Schroeder. Payment for cost of materials would be required before the renovation begins. Duffy will contact the district attorney to determine if the renovation would require compliance with the American Disabilities Act.
2. The Chief is still waiting for the Buckley FD chief to provide a copy of their policies related to reimbursement for EMT course policies/mileage reimbursement.
3. The Chief will prepare ID cards for the trustees and district secretary.
4. The Illinois State Fire Marshall will be here on March 18, 2019 to present the award to the department for being one of the top departments for smoke alarm installations through the “Be Alarmed” program in 2018.

New Business

1. Reviewed the Resolution for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Duffy made a motion to approve the Resolution. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the Resolution was unanimous.
2. Cindy provided a report on the electronic services offered by Intuit On-Line Payroll. She noted that our monthly fee includes electronic filing of all required federal and state reports. The trustees authorized Cindy to activate the service for use by the district.

Chief’s Old Business

1. There is no update on the FEMA grant.
2. The Chief met with the attorney last week to discuss the not-for-profit corporation for the firefighters. The paperwork should be completed by the end of next week.
3. The Chief reported that the Champaign County Fire Chiefs Association will meet at the station on February 21, 2019.
4. The Chief reported that the fire department emblem can be put on the back of the yellow safety coats at a cost of $12/coat. The trustees authorized the Chief to have this done.

Chief’s New Business

1. Flyers for the Pancake-Sausage Breakfast to be held on March 30, 2019 are available.
2. Truck checks will be done in March or April by an outside service.
3. The Chief provided information on the Fire Department Instructor’s Conference (FDIC) scheduled to take place in Indianapolis in April. Five firefighters have expressed interest in attending. Those who plan to attend will leave on April 11 and return on April 13. Cost of each ticket if purchased by February 21 is $60. Duffy made a motion to purchase 5 tickets are a cost of $60 each. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.
4. The Chief recently met with Aaron Manuel for repair of the lights in the bay. Rebalancing of the generator was discussed. It was noted that we currently have three phase coming into the building for which we are paying a surcharge to Ameren and we do not use this. The Chief will contact Ameren to discuss disconnecting this. He will also obtain an estimate from Mr. Manuel on the cost of replacing the bay lights with LED.
5. The Chief reported that truck #8653 is in Bloomington for repairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.