Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Trustees Meeting

April 17, 2019

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

Old Business

1. Duffy reported that he is waiting on one bid for the bathroom renovation. The plan is to convert the ladies restroom to a joint restroom and convert the men’s restroom into a locker room. A separate bid has been requested for repair/replacement of the drywall in several areas on the second floor.
2. Aaron Manuel is an approved electrician under the Ameren lighting grant program, with the requirement that he view a one-hour video from Ameren. He has been asked to provide a bid for station lighting. Aaron noted that we can bypass the ballasts and use LED lights so as to be compliant with the Ameren grant program.
3. Duffy talked to Chris Blazek about shirts for trustees. All trustees need to provide Duffy with sizes and shirt colors this evening.
4. Discussion was held on building projects, including bathroom renovation, building generator and replacement of concrete. It was noted that the projects need to be prioritized. Aaron Manuel will be asked to provide specifications for a building generator.

New Business

1. Discussion was held on transferring money from the General and EMS funds to the CDs. Duffy will make the following transfers: $30,000 from General Fund to the Truck Fund CD, $2,912.22 from the General Fund to the Personal Gear CD, and $15,000 from the EMS Fund to the EMS CD.
2. Danny Warren from Farmer City Fire Department discussed Farmer City’s ambulance service with Scott, asking if NPFPD might be interested in an agreement with them to provide service.

Chief’s Old Business

1. There is no update on the FEMA grant.
2. The Chief plans to meet with vendors next week to discuss new turnout gear. State Representative Dan Caulkins has indicated that he may provide some funding to the department.
3. Discussion was held about back-up and side cameras for trucks 8653 and 8679. John made a motion to purchase the cameras (with installation) for $3,613.76. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.

Chief’s New Business

1. The chief noted that all water rescue equipment purchased with the grant from People’s Gas has arrived. He noted that plastic totes with hinged lids are needed for storage of the equipment, with the cost at approximately $600 through Amazon. John made a motion to purchase the totes at a cost of $600. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.
2. The Chief reported that he discussed vehicles while at FDIC last week. Cost for replacing a truck is approximately $300,000. The cost for a brush truck is approximately $165,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.