Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Trustees Meeting

March 20, 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 February meeting were reviewed. Larry 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 February. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer’s report was unanimous.

Old Business

1. Duffy talked to the district attorney about the bathroom renovation. ADA-compliance is required for entities with more than 15 employees so any renovation completed must in compliance. Discussion was held about various scenarios. Duffy will meet with other contractors to discuss options. It was also noted that drywall will need to be replaced in several areas on the second floor.
2. The Chief noted that ID cards for trustees should be available by the end of this week.
3. The Chief has obtained estimates for the water rescue equipment (6 personal flotation devices, 6 throw bags, long rope and weighted rope). The equipment must be compliant and will allow a crew of 6 to provide assistance near/around the water. John made a motion to purchase the equipment at an estimated cost of $1,400. Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.
4. There is no update on firefighter pay raises.

New Business

1. Duffy asked the Chief to reminder members that they should clean up the kitchen after it is used.

Chief’s Old Business

1. There is no update on the FEMA grant.
2. The Champaign County Fire Chiefs Association met at the station on February 21, 2019. Duffy attended and noted that there are new departments and organizations that have been added.

Chief’s New Business

1. The yellow safety coats have arrived and the District emblems have been placed on the back of each coat.
2. Truck checks will be done in April by an outside service.
3. The Chief provided an update on the Ameren lighting grant/rebate program. The only Ameren-approved electrician (Twin Supplies Ltd. from Oak Book) provided an estimate of $4,000. The trustees asked the Chief to obtain a quote from Aaron Manuel.
4. The Chief noted that we need two adapters for Storz fittings. Duffy made a motion to purchase the fittings at an estimated cost of $182 each. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.
5. The Chief provided information on cameras (back-up and side) for trucks 8653 and 8679. The estimated cost for the cameras and installation is $3,613.76. This will be discussed at the April meeting.
6. The State Fire Marshall was at the station on March 18th to present the district with an award for the “Be Alarmed” program. NPFPD was in the top five in the state in 2018 for smoke alarm installations. The Chief will contact the Fire Marshall to find out when this will appear in the paper.
7. The Chief reported that the department has responded to 35 calls in 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.