

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District
Trustees Meeting
May 15, 2019

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

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

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. John made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

The bills payable and treasurer's report were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve the final bills payable and treasurer's report for April and the bills payable and treasurer's report for May. Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's reports was unanimous.

Old Business

- 1) Duffy reported that he had contacted two people for estimates for the bathroom renovation and neither met with him. The Chief expressed concern about ADA compliance with just having one bathroom available for the public in case the building is used as a shelter. Duffy will clarify the requirements of ADA with the attorney.
- 2) Discussion was held on pay raises. Firefighters in attendance provided information on their responsibilities and thoughts concerning compensation for fire calls, EMS calls, training, etc. It was noted that of 162 calls in 2018, 117 (72%) were EMS-related. The compensation proposal submitted last year included the following: Fire calls – increase from \$6 to \$10; Meetings – increase from \$10 to \$25; BLS calls – no change; ALS calls – increase from \$5 to \$10. Duffy asked that a new proposal be presented based on an understanding of tonight's discussion, including compensation for exceptional situations. Cindy was asked to download a non-resident call report from Quicken to show the reimbursement received for non-resident calls.

New Business

- 1) Duffy presented a plaque to Scott in thanks for his service from June 1990 to May 2019.
- 2) Dale Lipsey took the oath of office as a Trustee.
- 3) Duffy will continue as Board President. John will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Duffy will pick up the account paperwork from First Mid Bank and will have all trustees sign the documents at the June meeting.
- 4) Discussed the proposed FY'20 budget. Cindy will send the budget information to the attorney for preparation of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Chief's Old Business

- 1) There is no update on the FEMA grant.
- 2) The Chief noted that an RFP may be needed for purchase of the turnout gear since it appears that the cost will be over \$25,000.
- 3) Cameras have been installed on for trucks 8653 and 8679.
- 4) Aaron Manuel provided a quote of \$3,228.75 as NPPFD's share to replace light bulbs in the truck bays, meeting room, offices and kitchen, as well as an exterior fixture on the west side of the building. Ameren will pay \$4,237.17. Duffy made a motion to approve the purchase of

replacement light bulbs. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.

Chief's New Business

- 1) The Chief provided information on the cost of a roof flood light so firefighters are able to see resident addresses at night. Dale made a motion to purchase a roof flood light at a cost of \$506.73. Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote to the purchase was unanimous.
- 2) The Chief will research costs to replace the air bag lift system.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.