

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District
Trustees Meeting
December 18, 2019

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

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

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes. Dale 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 November. Dale seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report was unanimous.

Old Business

- 1) Scott Davis provided information on computer services. He noted several issues: Several workstations need to be upgraded to Windows 10; the camera system does not appear to be working properly, a standard anti-virus program, which will require an annual subscription, is needed; there is no proper firewall; among other issues. Scott will prepare a proposal which includes a priority list of his recommendations.
- 2) Bathroom renovation is underway and should be completed by January 2020.
- 3) Mileage reimbursement for the two firefighters in the current EMT course will be reimbursed once we have received confirmation that they've passed the required certification test.
- 4) The Chief will develop specs for a sealed bid for surplus equipment for the generator, transfer switch, etc. There will not be a minimum bid required.
- 5) Pay raises will be discussed at the January 2020 meeting.

New Business

- 1) Dale made a motion to approve the 2020 meeting dates. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
- 2) Approval of transfer to CDs will be discussed at the January 2020 meeting.

Chief's Old Business

- 1) The Chief has provided all required information to the grant writer for the FEMA grant.
- 2) The hub for the new generator has not arrived.
- 3) Turnout gear will be purchased in January, with a cost of approximately \$1,500 per set (coat/pants). New Nomex hoods are also needed at a cost of \$80 each. Boots will be purchased in January/February 2020.
- 4) The cost of a new air bag system (5 bag system with controller) is \$4,995. Bob made a motion to approve the purchase. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
- 5) The carbon monoxide monitor has been ordered. The cost of a new 4 gas monitor is \$749. Dale made a motion to approve the purchase. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
- 6) All attendees seemed to enjoy the Christmas dinner at Alexanders.

- 7) The new pager has arrived and will be used for at least one month to ensure it works appropriately. Once this is confirmed, the six additional pagers approved at the November meeting will be ordered.
- 8) The Chief has not yet received quotes for a new pressure washer.
- 9) The iPad has been purchased and is in use by the department.

Chief's New Business

- 1) The Chief noted that the floor tile in the radio room needs to be replaced. He recommends the same tile as has been installed in the bathrooms.
- 2) The Chief noted that all fire reports are being completed as required. Some reports are delayed while we are waiting for Piatt County to provide required information.
- 3) Discussion was held about lack of participation on calls. If a member is in town, that member should make every effort to respond to calls, as not responding if available provides bad public relations for the department.
- 4) John expressed appreciation to the Chief for being proactive in reminding members that pumps should be drained due to anticipated cold weather.
- 5) The Chief reported that two cardiac saves have been made with the Lucas CPR device.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.