

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District
Trustees Meeting
January 15, 2020

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

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

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Bob 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 and treasurer's report for December. Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report was unanimous.

Old Business

- 1) All work on the bathroom renovation is compliant with ADA standards. It was noted that a second coat of paint is needed.
- 2) The Chief will contact Scott Davis to ask when the proposal for computer services will be available.
- 3) Zach Cahoe has passed the EMT test and should have his State of Illinois license soon.
- 4) Brian Cahoe presented a proposal for an increase in firefighter pay, noting the importance of investing in retention of current members. He noted that most department EMTs and paramedics receive required training through their employer so this is a cost savings for NPPFD. Discussion was held about proposed raises for calls, report completion, training, meetings, and hourly work (e.g., weekly narcotics bag check is required to verify all medications are in the bag, with a monthly check to verify medication expiration dates). Trustees will review the proposal and discuss a potential counter-proposal at the February meeting. Duffy thanked the firefighters for their work on the proposal.
- 5) 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.

New Business

- 1) Discussion was held on transferring money from the General and EMS funds to the CDs. John made a motion to transfer the following: \$30,000 from General Fund to the Truck Fund CD, \$6,000 from the General Fund to the Personal Gear CD, and \$15,000 from the EMS Fund to the EMS CD. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Chief's Old Business

- 1) All information required for the grant has been given to the grant writer and we are waiting for the grant period to open so the grant can be submitted.
- 2) The hub for the new generator has not arrived.
- 3) Sizing for new turnout gear is scheduled for next week. All firefighters should plan on attending so that appropriate gear is ordered.
- 4) Scott Harper provided a quote for installation of tile in the Radio Room and repair of the drywall on the second floor. The quote does not include cost of materials. It was decided to wait until a determination has been made on firefighter pay increases before proceeding with this work.

- 5) Airbags have been ordered.
- 6) The new gas monitor has arrived.
- 7) Champaign County Fire Chiefs are submitting a FEMA grant application for new pagers. The Chief plans to wait to see if this grant is approved before ordering new pagers, as the cost through the grant will be a substantial cost savings to the department.
- 8) The Chief provided quotes from Illini Contractors Supply for both an electric and gas power washer. It was decided that the purchase of a power washer should be made through a vendor which also services the equipment they sell. The Chief has been asked to get quotes from additional vendors.

Chief's New Business

- 1) The Chief noted that Verizon sends free phones for vehicles every ten months.
- 2) The Chief noted that the new antenna is a cell phone booster.
- 3) The Chief has been asked to purchase new rugs at Sam's Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.