

MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

January 15, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 19:00 PM.

Roll Call

Roll call taken. Trustees present: Donald Deffenbaugh, Dale Lipsey, and Matthew Althaus. Trustees absent: John Hannah, Thad Gilman. Also present: Chief Jones, Joyce Dowell.

Routine Matters

Approval of December Minutes – Minutes of the December 2024 meeting were reviewed. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes. Duffy seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Approval of Bills Payable and Treasurer's Report for January 2025 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for January reviewed. Matt made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report, Duffy seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report was unanimous.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

1. Concrete Replacement – no discussion
2. Bank Accounts (changing banks) - discuss further at February meeting with Treasurer.
3. IL Funds – discussion of why there is 1) EMS fund & 2) Emergency Rescue fund. Will discuss at February meeting with Treasurer.
4. Fire Truck Funding
5. 2025 Election – no discussion

New Business

1. AFR was reviewed. 1) Question about GATA portal information – secretary stated Cindy will help complete the questionnaire on GATA portal. 2) Check written to transfer \$2.16 from General Fund to the Emergency & Rescue Equipment Fund per Accountant. 3) Next year's review will be \$5,500. 4) Discussed Accountants recommendation on tax levy to decrease the emergency and rescue equipment tax levy and increase the general corporate tax levy. Matt made a motion to approve the AFR. Dale seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the AFR was unanimous.

Chief's Old Business

1. Truck Air Lines (SO-1804) – Chief reviewed estimate to install air ejects on three trucks. Matt made motion to complete work; Dale seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. Truck 8679 repairs (SO-1792) – decided to discuss at February meeting
3. Brakes on tanker (SO-1810) - Matt made motion to complete work; Dale seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
4. Water filter – will discuss at February meeting
5. Attendance policy – no discussion

6. Firefighter of the Year Plaque – has been ordered.
7. New website – still in process of setting up, hope to be online in February.
8. Electronic CPR Mannequins – Chief is to gather information and will discuss at February meeting

Chief's New Business

1. Washing machine – regular washing machine is leaking. Dale made motion to purchase new; Matt seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. Uniform Purchase – going through uniforms recently for pictures for new website and need smaller shirts. Duffy made motion to purchase 6 new shirts; Dale seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
3. Badge Purchase – discussion of people not returning badges when they leave. Matt made motion to purchase 6 new badges; Dale seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
4. Snow removal – discussion of finding someone to help with this
5. May schedule – Chief has hose testing, ladder test, and oil changes scheduled for May
6. Pancake & Sausage breakfast tentative date April 5th

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 19:35.

Next Meeting – February 19, 2025