



LONG LAKE FIRE EMS

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2022-05-05 Fire/EMS Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by Chief Nichols at 18:09
- Pledge of allegiance was recited
- Roll Call was taken. Present: Bruce Nichols, Donald Lenehan, Paul Behrens, Daniel Brown, Beata Step, Patricia Perras, Jerry Nelson, Cal Peters, Deputy Austin Babich (Florence Cty Sheriff)
- Address of behavior and decorum rules read by Nichols
- Secretary's Report
 - Minutes were distributed (03 Apr 2022), motion to approve: Lenehan, Nelson 2nd approved
 - Status of the Secretary's office, Secretary has no access to social media sites, NFIRS, or office
 - Per Lenehan, locks have been changed, key access is limited to Nichols, Lenehan, and Town, any entrance to office has to be approved by Nichols, Lenehan, or Town official
- Treasurer's Report
 - Lenehan, no report, town audit still continuing
 - Lenehan, no treasurer's report due to audit
 - Town going over their budget and final report will be given to Lenehan at a later time
- Friend's Report, Behrens
 - Step, no financial information available
 - Peters addressed Friends board structure and member positions
 - Peters is president
 - Step is Treasurer
 - Denise Is the Secretary
 - Friends is gearing up for Fourth of July picnic and making sure current bills are paid
 - Step, no change in account records since Friends election and audit
 - Perras asked if Friends has separate PO Box, Behrens, one key for box #16
 - Lenehan asked if Friends meeting was posted, Behrens, Board meetings only have to be posted for the Board members
- Correspondence
 - Letter from Calvin Kesweder was read regarding the election of a Chief
 - Suggested reply was to mention that election was held and that correspondence was sent too late to be read in time for the election
 - Discussion was held to determine if Kesweder was still on probation or taken off probation, it was determined that he was off probation

Old Business

- Grants Update
 - DNR Grant
 - Lenehan questioned Wildland fire gear purchase
 - Behrens, gear can still be purchased until June
 - Perras requested Wildland turnout gear as she will be pump operator certified
 - Lenehan, addendum would have to sent to DNR for DNR grant, and structural firefighting gear would probably have to be ordered
 - Behrens,hydrant installation
 - Progress is obstructed
 - Cannot get contractor to do install
 - Lenehan, radios
 - Purchase of radio for the price at this time not cost efficient
 - Suggestion was made to consider re-prioritising the grant request
 - Lenehan, DNR grant will be submitted as written, confirmed Behrens
 - Lenehan said he would look into it, Behrens said wildland gear would be acceptable to operate pumps as it is fire resistant
 - Motion to purchase a set of gear for perras so she can run the pumps, same gear as everyone else including boots and helmet: Behrens, Nelson 2nd, approved
 - UTV issues
 - Battery of UTV drained
 - Brown and Step purchased two battery tenders, (one for UTV, other as spare)
 - Starting procedure for UTV was discussed
 - Start the UTV on the trailer upon arrival at fire house for a fire call
 - Travel with UTV's diesel engine running
 - Arrive at fire scene with UTV warmed up ready to go
- Apparatus Maintenance Update
 - UTV issues
- Equipment/Facilities Maintenance Update
 - Follow up hydro test, Lenehan no call made
 - Follow up garden hose, Brown and Step will purchase new hose
 - Follow up standpipe, Nichols measured. Discussion was held on standpipe including placement, functionality, and insulation for extreme weather conditions
 - Follow up LED lights, Lenehan forgot to call for return
 - Reminder by SEcretary that these items have been on the agenda for at least last three months
 - Follow up on Fire Inspector
 - Per Lenehan contract agreement is be up to the Town
 - Item was put on Department agenda to ensure that department had discussed the issue
 - Follow up on Purchases and Donations

- Vitals Machine
 - Several machine models were discussed
 - Cost points dependant upon three factors
 - Functionality- amount of functions machine can perform
 - Durability- ruggedness of machine
 - Quality- ability of machine to perform during transit
 - Decision of which machine to purchase will be made by next meeting per Nichols
- Battery Tender
 - Already purchased, Step needs to be reimbursed

New Business

- Purchases and Donations Update
 - Nelson brought a plug for sign, needs to be reimbursed
 - 50 amp plug for \$20 for John Rodaer's welder to fix sign
 - Sign install items, including cost of installation, was preapproved for up to \$500 for Friends
 - Friends need to cut check to reimburse Nelson
- Handling of department records
 - Gross mishandeling of record
 - Records need to be returned back to Town/Department within 24 hours per Lenehan
 - State reports (NIFRS, WARDS) need to be completed immediately
 - A formal complaint has been filed with the State
- Community EMS
 - Great for community
 - Great for Department's Public Relations
 - Legislation has already been passed in Wisconsin to support this program
 - WEMSA supports this program
 - Amanda Bates from WEMSA has talked about a model to form our program around
 - Community EMS is responding to citizens in a non emergent way on a singular or periodic frequency that are not currently experiencing a life threatening crisis that::
 - Request well being daily checks
 - Frequently call 911 for request for service
 - Have chronic health issues
 - Per Lenehan, our Med Control is against this idea

Reports

- Service Director Report Training Officers Report
 - EMS
 - Lenehan, EMS runson fire calls have to be put in NFIRS
 - Yearly training for EMS license renewal coming up
 - Per Brown, all EMS training can be put in NREMT website

- EMS schedule still open and needs to be filled, Members should pick days of availability
 - Per Brown, if having difficulty getting into EMS calendar, look at bottom of calendar for months tabs
- Fire
 - Nichols, water transfer will be this months training thursday the 19th
 - Per Nichols, Brown is to notify Newald

Other Business

- Recent calls / runs
 - Recent EMS runs were discussed
 - Recent Fire calls were discussed
 - Recent Service calls were discussed
- Membership changes / Membership Recruitment and Retention
 - Secretary updated list
 - Larry Wettenkamp removed
 - John Peszko-active, Gene Miller- non member/but credentialed, Nate Kahl- inactive left on roster list
 - No loss of membership
 - Brown brought up ideas for retention and recruitment
 - Events to do as a group, funding by out of pocket or by Friends
 - Find out what members want to do and have them do it
 - Building morale, camaraderie, and team building
 - Events such as mini golf outing, bowling, campfire, golf outing, float down river, trivial night, movie night, laser tag, ropes course
 - 2 hours event, 1 day a month, or once a quarter
- Birthdays / Anniversaries
 - For month of April
 - Birthdays: Perras, Wettenkamp
 - Anniversaries: none
- Open Floor Discussion
 - Peters, Friends is looking for where money is needed, ways to spend the money
 - Perras mentioned that we need current turnout gear
 - Perras mentioned that Friends will pay for 50% of sign
 - Nichols mentioned wildland gear is partially paid for by DNR 50/50 grant but that we need some gear
 - Perras mentioned that we can get high schoolers in an Explorer type program and get money from grants
- Adjournment of Meeting
 - Nelson made motion to adjourn, 2nd Lenehan, approved at 19:55