



2021-05-06 Fire/EMS Meeting Minutes

The May Fire/EMS Meeting was called to order by Acting Chief Nichols at 18:15 on Thursday May 6, 2021. The pledge was recited and roll call was taken.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports

The minutes from the April 1st, 2021 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer report regarding the town's fire department budget was not available.

Correspondence

HazMat refresher will be May 15th at 8am in Florence.

Old Business

The RTAC grant has been approved and Lenehan is waiting for them to contact him. The grant was for MCI triage tags, cards, and some Stop the Bleed kits.

Maintenance was discussed. Rodaer made a call to Todd today and some things have been fixed but others are still waiting on parts or for Todd to return. The tank to pump and rear fill valve on 702 has been fixed. The radio has been installed in 704, and 705 is starting and running fine now. The doors on 701 are still broken. Concerns about building maintenance related to the Fire Inspection were discussed, there are several issues that need immediate attention. Schuett and Miller recalled that the plan was for Ahern to do extinguishers in the towns of Long Lake and Alvin when they come to do Newald. Rodaer will get a quote from Ahern.

Purchases and donations were discussed. Nichols reported that books were ordered and arrived for Brian and Stephanie, tonight is their second night of ELFF training; motion made and passed to approve and fund from the Fire Dept training budget. Rodaer ordered the hard suction, couplings for drafting and the elbow for relay pumping on 704; motions were made and passed to approve these and fund them from the Fire Dept budget. Adapters for the underground tank were discussed, a proposal will be presented at the next meeting for the parts necessary.

Inventory of equipment has not yet been completed.

New Business

A very long discussion ensued about a pair of coveralls for one of the EMS members. It was decided that she can purchase the item and submit the receipt for FAP reimbursement.

Multiple grants are coming up - CHEMTREC, Globe, AFG - the charitable org will be looking into these. Anyone needing wildland equipment should submit their needs to Lenehan for inclusion in the upcoming DNR grant.

Perras would like to attend EMS21 online and in person training, anyone interested should contact her. This could potentially be covered by the AFG19.

Committee Reports

Picnic Committee report.

Service Director Report

Nothing new to report.

Training Report

EMS training was not held. Fire training water movement. Next month fire training will be water supply / water shuttle with the focus of providing water down a long driveway where tenders can't fit and turn around.

Recent Calls

Recent Fire, EMS, HazMat, and Service calls were discussed.

Membership Changes

None

Open Floor Discussion

Interoperability between Forest and Florence county dispatch centers was discussed. There continues to be an issue with communication between the counties with regard to pages/incidents.

The need to have a special election to fill the vacant chief position was discussed.

The LED sign was discussed at the May 20th training meeting. The Town Board approved matching funds 50/50 up to \$2000 total. A motion was made and passed to approve and request funding from Friends for up to \$1000 to install the sign.

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthday - Lenehan 5/13

Meeting Adjourned and Routine Maintenance

Adjourned 19:55