



2020-08-06 Fire/EMS Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by Chief Haag at 18:10
- Pledge was recited
- Roll Call was taken. Present: Kevin Haag, Patty Perras, Gene Miller, Cal Peters, Ryan Hunkins, Jerry Nelson, Donald Lenehan, Martin Kerker, John Rodaer, Colleen Rodaer, Nick Schuett, Larry Wetenkamp, Beata Step, Daniel Brown, Paul Behrens (12 of 17 Active Voting Members), and
- Secretary Report
 - Minutes were distributed (02 Jul 2020), there were corrections to the minutes, motion to approve: Perras, Nelson 2nd
- Treasurer Report
 - FD CHECKING - FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT
 - Last month income:
 - \$0
 - \$
 - Last Month Expenses
 - \$0
 - \$
 - Checkbook balance: previous balance \$1719.47 - new balance \$1719.47
 - FIRE DEPT TOWN BUDGET REPORT
 - Last month income:
 - \$ no report available
 - \$
 - Last Month Expenses
 - \$ no report available
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 - Town Budget Remaining - no report available
 - Motion to approve Treasurer Report: Rodaer, Nelson 2nd
 - Treasurer C. Rodaer would like a file cabinet space to keep her files at the station where they belong. AC Rodaer stated no more file cabinets in that room, use an existing drawer.
- Correspondence
 - There is a CPR BLS refresher course coming up in Rhinelander on 8/18/2020. Donald will look into having Scott Westman do one onsite.
 - A citizen would like a brush pile burned and chimney cleaned. Chief Haag directs that we can burn the pile after the first snow. Discussion on chimney cleaning. AC Rodaer liability concerns. No consensus reached.
 - FF Brown reports he received a thank you note from Oneida County rescue regarding an off-duty incident were he and FF Step may have saved someone's life in a roadside incident.
- Old Business
 - Grants

- AFG Grant - the EMT reimbursement is not being accepted because the class was taken and paid for before the grant performance period and our application amendment has not been reviewed. The balance of the funds must be disbursed prior to the end of the performance period on 9/30/2020.
 - NVFC Mini-Grant - Behrens reports we got a grant of 80 packages of electrolyte paks for firefighter rehab
 - VFA Mini-Grant - Behrens reports we will be receiving course materials for teaching a firefighter/ems cancer prevention course, the course is intended to be regional
 - FAP Grant - Lenehan reports the FAP grant for this year was submitted and is being approved.
 - Patty would like a jumpsuit. Rodaer remarks that his recollection is that purchase of jump suits for everyone was authorized last year but never actually purchased. Chief Haag directed Donald to make a list of jump suit sizes for all EMS drivers and crew.
 - Apparatus Maintenance
 - Engine 701
 - Truck is back in service, still needs a hole patched in the #3 discharge. Repairs on 701 will be done the week of the 17th.
 - Tender 702
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 - Rescue Truck 704
 - Radio needs installed
 - Van 705
 - Needs maintenance
 - AC Rodaer comments that money was authorized a long time ago to check the motor and find out what's wrong with it. There are also electrical problems. Chief Haag comments the truck is junk and he hates it. Behrens feels we should at least find out what is wrong with it and how much to fix it. Rodaer comments that from his experience it will be a couple thousand to find out what's wrong with it. The truck has not been looked at yet. Chief Haag suggests asking the Town Board what they feel like doing. FF Wetenkamp suggests it could be as simple as a bad charger that is cooking the batteries and could be a simple fix and questions how big of a trailer would you need to fit all the stuff from 705 in there. Something has to be done before winter because it is the ice rescue truck. Chief Haag referred the topic for an Officer's meeting and put Behrens in charge of getting the truck looked at after the Officer's meeting.
 - Equipment Maintenance
 - Vent Fan - still needs maintenance
 - Facilities Maintenance
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 - Purchases & Donations
 - Purchase of Whiteboard - in process, have not heard back from FEMA on grant criteria
 - Purchase of radios - still have not received a 3rd quote
 - State compliance issues - Behrens is still working on the SOGs
 - SCBA flow test and mask test - they will be tested for \$45 a unit and done this month.
 - Appoint Secretary and/or Treasurer - Chief Haag has appointed Collen Rodaer as Treasurer as of 7/8/2020. No secretary appointed.
- New Business

- Grants:
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- Apparatus Maintenance
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- Facilities Maintenance
 - Fire hall is going to fail fire inspection, numerous issues that need to be addressed. Behrens would like to know how this is going to be handled, fire extinguishers, exit lights, etc. Chief Schuett suggested that his guy from Ahern in Fond du Lac comes on site every January and does everything for Newald, we could use him. Rodaer suggested he could do the whole town and then a budget amount could be set.
- Purchases and Donations:
 - Ladder Purchase - Chief Haag has purchased a 30-foot 3-fly ladder from Jefferson Safety for \$893. The wait time is 12 weeks and it has to be picked up in Oshkosh.
- Pager Tests
 - Asst Chief Rodaer comments he does not think it is necessary to answer the pager tests because Tipler already answers it on the same tones. Chief Schuett suggested that whoever is on call can answer the test page. Haag agrees, whoever is EMT on call will answer page.
- Maintenance Day - Chief Haag would like to schedule a maintenance day for: lights burned out, power wash the floor, run air line to 704, clean hall, he is dismayed that nobody was available on the previous scheduled day and will be scheduling a new day in September.
- Cal Peters informs the group that the Popple River meeting is coming up next Tuesday and this would be the last opportunity to offer ems service to the area for the year 2021, and would like to know if the department is interested in offering that service? Haag put the question to the group do we feel like offering EMS to Popple River. FF Wetenkamp observes that the Dept is a single integrated department so ems service would already be included in the services offered (fire, rescue, hazmat, ems) under the current contract. Discussion at length. Haag stated we are not going there to negotiate just inform. Consensus was EMS is an integral part of our dept so no need for add on fees when they already pay the fire money. Everyone was ok with not charging extra for EMS. Cal Peters will be attending the PR meeting and will let their board know. Behrens was instructed to put together some facts and status update about the Dept.
- Behrens would like approval to upgrade our department response level to Operations Level for Hazmat. We now have enough members certified HazMat Operations to offer this service. This will be beneficial to the community and also allow for more grant opportunities. Lenehan is concerned this will take money away from the county Technical team. Behrens assured this is not the case, we as only first responding at the Ops level until Florence gets there. Chief Haag approved and directed Behrens to contact Dave Gribble at county HazMat.
- Behrens reminds everyone that if they go on a service call, they need to either call dispatch or record the times on their own because are putting service calls in NFIRS per the feds.
- Committee Reports
 - Picnic Planning Committee - Chief Haag has finished writing the fundraising letter and plans to send it out soon. He thinks it will cost \$700 to send the letter out to Long Lake and Popple River. No letter will be sent to Newald. Perras thinks people in Newald should get a letter. Rodaer said he is not having this discussion and the letter will not be sent to Newald, they already pay a contract, under no circumstances should we ask Newald property owners for donations. Behrens suggested sending out just the informational part of the letter with the picnic dates. Haag determined that no letter would be sent to Newald.
- Service Director Report

- Lenehan reports that it is the Driver's responsibility to ensure the safety of the vehicle and everyone is buckled in, etc. He would also like the times filled out on the sheet and not just rely on dispatch.
- Rodaer reminds the EMS crew that when responding to an incident it is their responsibility to know what township the incident is. Lenehan explains once the crew is aware they may be responding out of the service area they should notify dispatch thusly - "900, be advised this address may be in the Town of XXXX" and leave it at that, dispatch can deal with it from there. Our priority is responding as dispatched. We should under no circumstances delay care, these communications can be handled on the way there. Get en route. Chief Haag states if we are dispatched we have to go and it is up to dispatch to send the right people, we have to respond. Rodaer says he is not doing this discussion and that's just how it is. Somebody needs to look at the map before leaving.
- Training Report
 - Feedback on Last Months Training
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 - Training Officer Report - Next month's training
 - Lenehan reports August EMS training will be using Wards and Digital Run Reports
 - Behrens reports August fire training will be SCBA and Fire Attack (vehicle fire, no extrication). We will do SCBA maintenance, pre-don check, fit test, followed by fire attack evolutions.
 - Behrens requests again that all members, give copies of any training, classes, and certifications to him so that we can be compliant with state law
- Recent Calls
 - Recent Fire calls were discussed
 - Recent EMS calls were discussed
 - Recent Service calls were discussed
- Membership
 - Chief Haag reported that three people have showed interest in membership and he will be giving them applications.
- Open Floor Discussion
 - Behrens suggested that for the best benefit, after-action reviews of ems and fire calls should be handled as soon after the incident as possible with the relevant crew rather than going over all the details in the meeting. The summary in the meeting could be restricted to key points necessary to improve patient care or fire response. This would also shorten our meetings.
 - Behrens reports that FF Daniel Brown, has passed his state FF Cert 1 exam and practical test and as of 7/28/2020 is now Certified Firefighter I / HazMat Ops.
- Birthdays / Anniversaries
 - Birthdays: Beata 13th, Martin 25th
 - Anniversaries:
- Adjourn
 - Meeting was adjourned at 19:58 on a motion from Step and a second from Nelson
- Routine Maintenance of trucks and equipment was performed and check lists filled out.