

## 2019-10-03 Fire Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by Chief Kevin Haag at 18:14
- Pledge was recited
- Roll Call was taken. Present: Kevin Haag, Cal Peters, Paul Behrens, Patty Perras, Amy Schuett, Nicholas Schuett, John Lord, Ryan Hunkins, Jerry Nelson, Donald Lenehan, Bruce Nichols, Beata Step, Daniel Brown (7 of 16 Active Voting Members),
- Secretary Report
  - Minutes were distributed, there were no corrections to the minutes, motion to approve: Jerry, Amy 2nd, unanimous
- Treasurer Report
  - Fire Dept last month income:
    - **\$600** 
      - \$100 donation from Russ Dix
      - \$500 donation from Michael Helminger
      - \$1355.70 reimbursement for picnic expenses paid by FD
  - Last Month Expenses
    - **\$985.01** 
      - \$985.01 for medications for Ambulance
  - Checkbook balance: previous balance \$2667.45 new balance \$2282.44
  - Motion to approve Treasurer Report: John R, Bruce 2nd, unanimous
- Correspondence
  - Dana Baumgartner and Mark Zima extend their congratulations to the 14 people who passed the ELDO class in Newald.
  - John Lord would like to see a good representation of the Fire Dept at the K-9 Fundraiser at Roadhouse on Saturday October 12th
  - Debbie, a paramedic in Iron River, passed away and there is a celebration of life Oct 5th at 1pm at Caspian fire hall.
  - Daniel's EMT license has been approved but some paperwork is still pending.
- Old Business
  - Apparatus Maintenance
    - Engine 701
      - The PCD valve broke on the 7/6 call, it is stuck open, so now the pump blows water out the bottom when pumping
      - Repairs on 701 Work in progress, Todd will fix next time he comes. PCD is slow, tank-to-pump leaks, lights, drain valves sandy, officer door handle broken, etc many many problems. Kevin is having Todd come and he will have the town pay for fixing it.
    - Rescue Truck 704
      - Todd will also look at 704 when he comes to see what if anything is wrong with it so that we know where we stand.

- Kevin picked up an antenna and cable for installing the radio on 704. Rodaer will try to hook it up himself.
- Equipment Maintenance
  - Vent Fan needs new water separator part is leaking. We cannot leave it fueled in the engine or it may leak. It does run OK once fueled and started.
  - Need a couple lights replaced in the bay, the LED sticks don't require a ballast and the plan is to convert as we go along.
  - Foam eductor did not work on 7/6 fire, foam is old and/or eductor may be faulty.
- Purchases & Donations
  - Kevin took 6 pagers to Iron Mountain to have them programmed.
  - Hydrant wrench for 702 has been reimbursed and is being installed.
  - Fittings and appliances which were approved at a prior meeting were never ordered.

- New Business
  - We are going to do truck and equipment checks after each regular meeting.
  - Grants:
    - Amy reported we received the 50/50 DNR grant. We had put in for hose, tools, boots, etc. The grant is for \$3600 There is an approved list of stuff for \$1800. We have to match \$1800. We have to spend the money by April 2020.
    - Amy reported we received FEMA AFG grant in the amount of \$6500 that was awarded and accepted for EMS training. There is a waiver we can do to have it pay for Patty and Daniel's previous training. It can also pay for upcoming refresher or additional classes.
  - Purchases and Donations:
    - Kevin wants to halt all spending on anything that is not absolutely necessary.
- Committee Reports
  - Light bar light bar was ordered by Friends and has been delivered, needs to be installed.
- Training Report
  - Feedback on Last Months Training Hose Training this was done as part of ELDO, anyone who wasn't in ELDO needs to make up this training. Tentatively schedule burning cars Friday October 25th at 4pm.
  - Training Officer Report Next month's training will be Search and Rescue on Oct 17th.
- Recent Calls
  - No recent fire calls.
- New Membership
  - Cody has moved back down South and we aren't sure if he will be returning.
  - Donald reiterated that Stephanie has quit/resigned.
- Open Floor Discussion
  - Patty brought up the Haunted House. We have liability concerns with having the haunted house at the fire hall. Patty suggested doing it at the Town Hall. We will rent the hall out and do this great event for the kids on Thursday October 31st.
  - John Rodaer wants to know what is the status of joining WEMSA? It was approved for 10 people to join but there were more than 10 people. Do we want to cover drivers or just EMT/EMR? Do we want to approve it for the higher level? John R says everyone he talks to says you want your department to be a member of WEMSA. Amy said only EMR/EMT. Paul said what about basing it on who is on the schedule. Jerry makes a motion to go ahead with it for only 10 people. John R second that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- John Rodaer wants to bring the Fire and EMS meetings back together. Nobody knows why there are two meetings except they take so long. Now that the deck was cleared last month it will be faster. Next month we will go back to combined meetings.
- Paul and Nick looked at a training burn in Newald. It will be an exterior burn only because it is unsafe to put people insite.
- Training Agreement was voted on to be used, it is a contract in case someone leaves they have to repay their training reimbursements.
- The newest SPS 330 is now fully in force as of October 1, 2019.
- Bake Sale we need everyone to bake or bring something
- What is the status of getting the gear back from the terminated people? Kevin has not yet had the Sheriff serve the documents. Or we could have the town send them an invoice for the gear they have not returned.
- John Rodaer said Kevin got mad when he didn't get his mailbox, and he said to keep Kevin happy that he authorized Paul to buy a mailbox for \$6 off the auction site. Rodaer said if we don't want it he will take it to the town hall. Kevin said that makes his day.
- John R reiterate that John and Dawn do a lot for the dept, and if at all possible we need Fire/EMS people working the K-9 event noon to 8.
- Are we doing anything for Fire Prevention Week? We are going to change the sign to Clean Your Chimney and there are people who are wanting to pay us to clean their chimney. Kevin says if we can find people to do it we'll clean them.
- Birthdays / Anniversaries
  - Birthdays: John Peszko 10/2 Ryan 10/22
  - Anniversaries: Steph 10/6 2 years
- Adjourn
  - Meeting was adjourned at 19:25 on a motion from Bruce and a second from Donald.