



2021-10-07 Fire/EMS Meeting Minutes

The October Fire/EMS Meeting was called to order by Chief Nichols at 18:04 on Thursday October 7, 2021. The pledge was recited and roll call was taken.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports

The minutes from the September 16th, 2021 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer report was not available.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

The SAFER grant was denied in the second round. The DNR 50/50 grant was approved. The DNR grant includes funding for three new dry hydrants in Long Lake - one at Fay Lake boat landing, one on Halsey Lake, and one on Long Lake; a new dry hydrant in Popple River; mobile and portable P-25 radios; and wildland equipment. The total amount of the grant was \$20,000 (\$10,000 department responsibility). Funding will be sought from the three Lake Associations and Popple River for the department half of the dry hydrant project funding. The dry hydrants must be installed by April, 15 2022.

Maintenance was discussed. Unsure if 701 is in service or not, or when guy is coming back. Suggestion made to contact Victor at EVS about repairs. Air line has yet to be run for 704.

Purchases and donations were discussed. The Pediatric backboard is in service. The AED for the ambulance has arrived but has to be set up.

Smoke alarm program up and running. One qualified applicant so far.

New Business

Behrens made a motion to purchase another AED, 2 total, with the AED donations from the Friends fundraising drive, for a total cost of \$2210, one to place at the Post Office and one to place at Roadhouse 139. Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Behrens made a motion to pay EMR's \$25 per run and EMT's \$50 per run starting in 2022; to be paid out quarterly; applies to the two EMTs/EMRs who are on the schedule at the time of the call, respond on the call, and transport the call, or their substitute/cover person; to be funded by the EMS/Fire budget and supported by an increase if necessary in the run charge; and that the chief must submit to the town a dept budget for 2022 which includes the funding and run charge increases necessary to fund this. Discussion. Lenehan amended

the amounts to \$40 for EMR and \$50 for EMT. Brown seconded the modified motion which passed unanimously.

Policies/ Job descriptions were discussed. Perras emphasized the need for written policies and operation plan in a place easily accessible for everyone. Behrens noted the dept is deficient in this area on the fire side as well, there are no SOG/SOP written down and state law and our constitution requires written SOGs. Rodaer stated policies are part of the job description of quality control. Perras said the job descriptions and delegated duties need to be written down as well. Behrens notes that job descriptions are also required by state law to be written down for fire. Rodaer made a motion that the secretary develop a set of written SOGs and Job Descriptions. Nichols seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Rodaer asked why the chief has not taken the oath of office yet. Nichols stated that he does not see the need for it. He has not taken it and will not be taking it, states the oath is only for police powers and he doesn't want those so he will not take the oath.

Rodaer informed the dept about what is going on with the potential county-wide ambulance service and its relationship to Long Lake Fire EMS (EMS in particular). States this is a Town Board decision not a Dept decision as to whether the municipal ambulance service will be shut down in favor of the county-wide system.

Committee Reports

None

Service Director Report

Nothing to report.

Training Report

EMS training was not held. No EMS training is scheduled.

Sept fire training was preempted by a meeting and will have to be made up at a later date. October 21 training will be water shuttle and filling the 20,000-gal underground tank at the station. Multiple fire, eldo, and ems classes are starting soon. ELDO Part 1 in St Germain Nov 4 & 6, everyone needs it, take it, it's required.

Recent Calls

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

Membership Changes

None

Open Floor Discussion

Rodaer and Perras are looking for clarification on who can run in whose rigs for mutual aid and/or ALS ems calls.

C. Rodaer requested and received permission for her and Perras to do Halloween Haunted Firehouse.

C. Rodaer inquired about bake sale, yes it is scheduled, she will coordinate with Friends to organize it.

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays - peszko 10/2, Hunkins 10/22

Anniversaries - none

Meeting Adjourned and Routine Maintenance

Adjourned 19:57