2022-04-07 Fire/EMS Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by Chief Nichols at 18:22
- Pledge of allegiance was recited
- Roll Call was taken. Present: Bruce Nichols, Donald Lenehan, Paul Behrens, Daniel Brown, Amy Schuett, Nick Schuett, Beata Step, Patricia Perras, Ryan Hunkins, Cal Peters, Gene Miller
- Secretary's Report
 - Minutes were distributed (03 Mar 2022), motion to approve: Lenehan, Step 2nd approved
- Treasurer's Report
 - Lenehen, 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
 - Statements of savings and checking accounts read
 - Bills paid, TIC (thermal imaging camera), DNR 50/50 grant purchases
 - Bills outstanding, none listed
- Correspondence
 - Someone needs to check the post office mailbox
 - Nichols: Notice via E-dispatch regarding Aurora FD search/rescue training

Old Business

- Grants Update
 - DNR Grant
 - Perras, DNR has money
 - Lenehan, wildland fire gear
 - 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
- Apparatus Maintenance Update
 - o none
- Equipment/Facilities Maintenance Update
 - SCBA float test / hydro test
 - Lenehan, float test completed, main units on rig units passed, two backups also passed but one unit's heads up display not functioning

- Lenehan, hydro test done by another testing company, appointment needs to be made
- Nichols mentioned correspondence received from FireCat regarding hose testing, appointment needs to be made
 - Same time as Newald, at Newald
 - On Wednesday, June 22nd, 8:00 am
- Follow Up on garden hose purchase
 - Jerry is supposed to purchase
 - Lenehan will follow up
- o Follow Up on standpipe measure, airline for 704
 - Discussion of placement
 - 20-40 feet of pipe and hookup needs to be purchased
 - Purchase has already been approved
 - No change
- LED lights for bay installation
 - Followup of return difficult
 - Lenehan keeps getting voicemail
- Election of Chief
 - Two nominations
 - Bruce Nichols
 - Paul Behrens
 - Behrens won election with those in attendance and via electronic communications from Cliff Roberts and Marty Kirker
- Discussion of Fire Inspector

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- Nichols, Fire inspector contractor was approved with prior administration but not followed up with
- Paid for by 2% due
- Needs to be tabled for next meeting and followed up with
- Town has to finalize contract

New Business

- Purchases and Donations Update
 - Vitals machine
 - Lenehan made argument for purchase of vitals machine
 - Lenehan mentioned a model
 - Miller mentioned another model
- Upcoming Events
 - Fourth of July
 - Mentioned as upcoming
 - Referred to Friends to plan

Reports

- Service Director Report Training Officers Report
 - o EMS
 - Lenehan, setting on call schedule

- Members should pick days of availability
- On days when not enough members sign up, ambulance will be taken out of service
- Finding new talent was discussed
- EMS training was discussed
- HAZMAT EMS training class upcoming in Wausau
- In house training should be well organized
- Brown, get Lisa Friendenstaab to do in house training
- o Fire
 - Nichols, no fire training officer
 - Behrens, Pump operator in Hiles on next three wednesday and last Saturday of month
 - Lenehan, Hazmat operations class upcoming
 - Brown, No more upcoming wildland fire training but last webinar was recorded
- Secretary
 - EMT/ NREMT, all training can be recorded in the NREMT, MI, and WI websites

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
 - No loss of membership
 - Brown brought up ideas for retention and recruitment
 - Find out what members want to do and have them do it
 - Recognition of service and members
 - Keep volunteers happy, both FD/EMS as well as Friends members
 - Perras questioned policy on paying EMS members
 - Nichols, no one will join until bickering, arguing stops
 - Bickering and arguing has been extending far beyond the walls of the firehouse and is being gossiped through town
- Birthdays / Anniversaries
 - For month of April
 - Birthdays: none
 - Anniversaries: none
 - Nichols bought up years of service recognition
- Open Floor Discussion
 - Nichols, mention his health situation
 - As such, he will still be around but will back down in duties and probably effectively retire as a firefighter but stay on as
- Adjournment of Meeting
 - Lenehan made motion to adjourn, 2nd Step, approved at 20:11