Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District

Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Board Members present: Berg, Aldrin, Hoppe, Nelson, Lower

Firefighters present: Chief Michalski, C. Hipke, J. Hobke, Captain Trenhaile, Chandler

Others: John Wesely, Sue Pederson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** Approved, Nelson/Aldrin. Carried.

**Minutes:** Approved, Hoppe/Aldrin. Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report and Bill List:** Approved, Hoppe/Aldrin. Carried.

**Old Business**

**Phone lines/wifi/Internet:** Berg reported that there had been a large increase in the Mediacom bill because the firehall was charged a business rate. He contacted CW Technology and learned that the installation cost of a new system would be $3,589. The monthly rate is $24. The city’s fiber optics would be $25 a month. The total monthly charge would be $50. Motion to accept both proposals, Hoppe/Nelson. Phones would be provided for the chief’s office, the officer’s office, the dispatch room, and the fire district office. Calls can be forwarded to cell phones or voicemail. There will no phone in the meeting room. Michalski asked about a phone in the meeting room when it is used for a command center. The cost would be $80 for a single line, said Berg. It was said that the extra line was needed if the cellular service goes down. There was discussion about which company could bring in the line soonest, Verizon or Century Link. Chandler said that Verizon has a jump box with lines in it that could be used. Berg said that we could see how it goes. The Standard Operating Procedure Manual would have the contact information in it. The motion was passed. Michalski and Berg brought estimates for iPads to use in the fire trucks instead of using the Toughbooks, which require expensive mounts. Michalski said that the Samsung Galaxy tablets are less expensive and would suit their needs. Motion by Nelson/Aldrin to authorize the purchase of Galaxy tablets. An amendment was made to authorize the purchase of mounts in the motion. The amendment was agreed to by both Nelson and Aldrin. Carried.

**Mugs and Hugs:** It was reported that the turnout was fantastic at the May 25 event. The Willow River, Barnum and Kettle River Fire Departments were also here. It was recommended that it be held earlier next year.

**New windows:** The new windows have arrived. Dale Halls and a helper will install them. They will also repaint the doors.

**New Business**

**Ariel ladder truck information:** Berg said that the motel fire showed a need for an aerial ladder truck. He had looked around and found a used one in Alabama at Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for $125,000. In further discussion, it was said that there were too many unknowns about the truck. Someone would have to go and look at it bumper to bumper. Motion by Aldrin/Hoppe to authorize up to four fire department members to go and look at the truck. Carried. Berg will contact the company and ask for the maintenance records on the truck.

**Township information-Windemere:** John Wesely gave a report about Palon Road and the Sturgeon Island Bridge projects.

**Silver:** Sue Pederson noted that there were no fire calls in Silver Township on the Run Report.

**Department Report:** Michalski reported that the fire department received a $250 donation from the First National Bank. The drone has been ordered. A grant application has been submitted to the Burlington Northern Railroad to cover the cost of the drone. Hattenburger is looking for a vendor to buy flashlights from. **Officers:** Assistant Chief Hibke reported that all of the fire departments in Carlton County will be going to a chip system for accountability. The DHS sign shop needs a minimum $50 order. The Moose Lake department would make the initial order but it would include orders from Kettle River, Barnum, Blackhoof and Mahtowa for a total of $136. Motion to approve the purchase of accountability tags, Nelson/Aldrin. Carried. Trenhaile reported that a grant application has been submitted to the DNR for jackets, bladder bags and tools to fight woodland fires. The grant is $2,600. It is a 50/50 matching grant. He met with the lady that is providing fire prevention materials. They materials went to the businesses. They contribute to the program. The cost of the materials was $289. Nelson said that there were funds in the budget to cover that cost. Chandler said that the hose reel is not ordered yet. It needs to be paid for when it is ordered.

**Run Report:** J. Hibke read the Run Report.

**Relief Association:** No one available to give a report.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Nelson/Aldrin. Carried.