

Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District
Board Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017

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

Firefighters: Chief Michalski, Ass't Chief Trenhaile, Joyce Hipke

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

Agenda: Add Energy Audit under New Business. Add which officers' terms are up at the end of this year. Discuss officers' duties. Agenda approved with the changes, Nelson/Hoppe. Carried.

Minutes: Pressure washer was discussed at the October meeting instead of the September meeting. The city did **not** recommend setting up a police district at this time. Minutes approved with the changes, Nelson/Shaw. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Approved, Berg/Hoppe. Carried.

Old Business

Fire Dept./Dist. Web Page: Trenhaile said that it was decided that the webmaster would continue to post the minutes and the new photos. He said that there would be an hourly charge.

DOC contract: No information. Berg suggested sending a letter if nothing is heard by the November meeting.

Cleaning Floors: Trenhaile said that he had contacted Freiberg's Cleaning Service. There is a need to coordinate schedules with the Sentence to Serve crew to move furnishings and equipment. The floors will be stripped and waxed.

Budget: Nelson said that the 2018 budget is going to be lean. There will be a levy increase of 4 percent overall. The first payment for the new truck came out of savings. No funds towards the truck will be received until July 2018. The payroll increases will bring up personal reimbursements and those will be deducted from the relief association contribution. There will not be another \$5,000 for equipment. The pay for the firefighters could be raised by half of what was requested one year and half the next year. The final levy will be set in December.

Pressure washer: Chief Michalski said that the pressure washer was donated to the department. It needs an \$80 pressure relief valve. It is diesel powered and has to be set outside when it is running. It will be determined if a receipt is needed for tax purposes.

1st Responder truck: No complete information. Several options were discussed. Motion by Berg, second by Hoppe to authorize spending \$45,000 on a first responder truck but to make sure that it has a good light package and that it has everything on it. Carried.

Fire Run Report: There were 41 calls in September. Nine were dispatched and cancelled, there were four false alarms, two motor vehicle accidents without injuries, two power lines down, one camper/RV fire, one electrical outlet fire, one passenger vehicle fire, and semi back tire fire.

New Business – Building maintenance/Rain gutters: There was discussion about having the gutters cleaned and how to prevent seeds from landing in the gutters. Motion to find a contractor, Shaw/Berg. Carried.

Energy Audit: There was discussion about the \$500-600 monthly electrical bill. Chief Michalski said that someone that knows about LED lighting could do a light audit. It was recommended by Berg.

Officers' Terms and duties: The assistant chief's and lieutenant's terms are up. The positions will be posted and candidates selected before January 1. An officers' class will be scheduled. Motion to post the positions. Berg/Hoppe. Carried. It was the consensus to list the requirements of the positions during the interview process.

Tabled – Windemere: The contract has been sent to the township board.

Relief Association: A meeting will be held the following day.

Department Report: The new truck is not yet in service. An instructor will be coming to do the training on Wednesday. The cameras are not working. Those will be fixed. The pumps checks are done. One part

has been fixed. A new switch was ordered for an electrical problem. Several firefighters will have a couple of the trucks at the school the next day for Fire Prevention Week. DC Garage is coming to fix an overhead door problem. Duties for the Sentence to Serve crew were listed. The Firefighters Appreciation dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Nelson/Shaw. Carried