

Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District
Board Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017

Board Members present: Aldrin, Hoppe, Nelson, Shaw, Berg
Firefighters: Chief Michalski, Trenhaile, Lattu, Hibke, Hattenburger, Chandler
Others: Horgen

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

Agenda: Add resignation of firefighters under New Business. Agenda approved, Nelson. Berg. Carried.

Minutes: Approved, Berg/Shaw. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The new electrical rate will increase by 15 percent, not 25 percent as had been proposed. Nelson said that he has made the adjustment in the budget. Add check 7798 to Arrowhead Regional Firefighters Association for \$65, and add check 7799 in the amount of \$35,147 for the new first responder truck. Report approved, Hoppe/Shaw. Carried.

Old Business

DOC Contract: Not heard anything.

Cleaning floors: No information.

Budget: Nelson said that he recommends a 3 percent levy increase this year and another 3 percent next year. Motion by Shaw to accept the 3 percent increase. Hoppe seconded. Carried.

First Responder truck: Ass't Chief Trenhaile said that the invoice has been received. The equipment is being installed. The delivery date may be moved up.

Energy Audit: Shaw said that there are no more CIP funds available for 2017. Hibke said that some switches have been replaced but others have not. The lights will be replaced after the first of the year.

Officers: Berg reported that five department members had applied for the two positions. He made a motion to name: Chief – Jim Michalski, Assistant Chief – Corey Hibke, Captain - Steve Trenhaile, First Lieutenant - Dan Hattenburger, Second Lieutenant - Brian Chandler. Shaw seconded. Carried.

Fire Run Report: There were 38 calls in November. It is expected that there will be 400 calls for the year.

New Business

Resignation: Trenhaile said that letters have been sent to a couple of firefighters that have not been responding to calls often enough. Josh Pangrel has resigned. He will return the equipment. Accept the resignation, Berg/Nelson. Carried. Grimm works out of the area. A letter has been sent but he has not replied. Trenhaile recommended that he be let go. It was decided to contact him and let him respond before the board makes a decision.

Tabled: Windemere: Paul Horgen spoke about his goals to inform all of the members of the Windemere Township Board about the fire district. A special joint meeting was suggested.

Department Report: Michalski said that he had asked for funds to purchase ceiling tile last month to replace damaged tiles but tiles were found in a box before the Moose Club was demolished. Small equipment has been ordered for the new truck. Four sets of turnout gear are needed at a cost of \$7,000. One set will be paid for with a DNR grant. The Firefighter and Board Appreciation Dinner is Dec. 16. Corey Hibke displayed large framed photos of the firefighters and the board. Those will be hung in the meeting room. Trenhaile said that he submitted information updates for the web page. He will also send updates and corrections. The department members are now purchasing gas for the fire trucks at Kwik Trip, being that the co-op station is in transition. Trenhaile said that Pine Tech is doing a class in January about smoke and cancer risk. Berg said that he is meeting with the Cloquet Fire District about recruitment after the first of the year. Michalski said that a Participation Committee has been set up to implement a point system regarding relief earnings.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Nelson/Berg. Carried.