

Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District
Board Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018

Board Members present: Steve Aldrin, Robert Hoppe, Guyal Nelson, Ted Shaw, Osten Berg
Firefighters present: Chief Jim Michalski, Corey and Joyce Hibke, Dan Hattenburger, Brian Chandler
Others: Paul Horgen, Windemere Township

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda: Add Shawn Wigg of Moose Lake Brewing Company, Recruitment, and Building Maintenance under New Business, and Cleaning under Old Business. Approved, Hoppe/Shaw. Carried.

Minutes: Approved, Shaw/Nelson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List: Approved, Hoppe/Shaw. Carried. Nelson reported that the 2017 financial report has been finalized. Accepted, Berg/Hoppe. Carried.

Old Business

DOC Contract: Nothing to report.

Cleaning Floors: Chief Michalski said that he has contacted the Challenge Incarceration Program about cleaning the floors on Feb. 17. Just the meeting room and hallways – the high traffic area – will be done. Eventually, he would like to see the tile taken out of the hallways and just have the concrete floors. The tile will be left in the meeting room.

Energy Audit: Chief Michalski said that most of the switches have been changed. Switches will also be changed in the police department. No bill has arrived from the electrician yet. He had called to find out more about installing LED lighting but has not heard back. He said that he will talk to Harlan Schmeling at the power plant about doing the entire building.

Fire Run Report: See report. The 2017 year-end report was also presented. Berg requested that the mutual aid calls be listed separately.

New Business

Wigg proposal: Shawn Wigg of Moose Lake Brewing Company proposed that an event be held on St. Patrick's Day from 6 – 9 p.m. at the fire hall to raise funds for the fire department. Beer would be sold for \$1 more than usual with a mobile beer license. The proceeds would be passed on the fire department. There would also be a bean bag tournament. Board members expressed their concerns about having it at the fire hall and suggested that it be held at the arena. Nelson said that the ice goes out on March 12. Shaw said to ask to have the event placed on the Park Board agenda.

Recruitment: Berg reported that he had met with the Cloquet firefighters and asked about the recruiting methods that are used. He received a sample poster and said that they are 35 cents each to print, plus a set-up fee. They could be posted in businesses in the city and Moose Lake Township. And First Responders are needed from Windemere Township. The posters and information should be out in mid-February. He asked for someone to work with him, if the board wanted to proceed. He also had a sample of a brochure from Sartell that could be distributed to the public to inform people about the volunteer paid firefighters. Recruitment information could also be posted on the city's and the Windemere Township's websites. Expenses were estimated at \$200-300. Nelson said that there could be firefighters at the business expo in April for recruiting. Berg said that the new trucks could be brought there. An open house could also be held at the fire hall. Shaw said to do a presentation at the city council meeting. Berg suggested that the fire district join the chamber of commerce, and the chamber would promote the fire department. A fire cadet program was discussed. It was said that the participants could be trained when they were in high school and then certified after they turned 18. It was suggested that Mike Peterson of the Cromwell Fire Department and Bob Indihar of the school be contacted.

Building Maintenance: Berg said that he walked around the building and saw that repairs are needed to the man doors to prevent wind and cold air from coming in. Dale Halls could install new door sweeps. Berg suggested that Halls name and contact number be added to a list of repair people to call for the

different repairs. Berg/Shaw motion to identify repair people and create a list of names and contact numbers. Carried.

Tabled: Windemere – Horgen reported that this was his last meeting unless the township board reappoints him to attend the fire district meetings. He invited the board members to the next township meeting on the first Thursday of February at the Windemere Town Hall. He also made recommendations, such as televising the board meetings by holding most of the board meetings at city hall. He also said that there should be more public relations about the first district and fire department. A portfolio of materials should be created. And he recommendation that someone should be at the fire hall full-time. He also said that the fire district is well quipped, well-staffed and well run. He said that he would invite the entire township board to come to the April fire district board meeting.

Department Report: A \$1,000 grant will be awarded to the department from Enbridge. A list of officers is available about who is responsible for different sections of the new brush truck. Motion to include the truck on the state bid, Berg/Shaw. Carried.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Nelson/Hoppe. Carried.