

Moose Lake Area fire Protection District
Board meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017

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

Firefighters: Chief Michalski, Ass't Chief Trenhaile, Joyce Hipke, Bob Hoffman, Bob Moffet Jr, Todd Hoadley, Chad Davidson, Dan Hattenburger

Others: Paul Horgen

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

Agenda: Add Printer under New Business, and take Relief Association from the Table and add to New Business. Agenda approved with the additions: Nelson/Shaw. Carried.

Minutes: Approved, Hoppe/Berg. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Hoppe/Berg. Carried.

Old Business

Fire Department/Dist. Web Page: The webmaster will charge \$30 an hour, with a one-hour minimum, or \$100 a month. There is no need for a contract. Chief Michalski recommended that the board approve the hourly rate. He said that it could always be changed, if necessary. Motion to pay \$30 an hour, Berg/Shaw. Carried.

DOC contract: Chief Michalski reported that he had met with the captain at the DOC that day. Unnecessary language was changed on the contract. The captain approved of the billing practice and the rate that would be charged. Aldrin and Berg will get a draft of the revised contract that the DOC approved, along with their signatures.

Budget: Nelson said that the electrical rates will be raised by 25 percent, which amounts to \$500 to \$750 a month. He recommended that the levy be set at 6 percent. The proposed levy will be adopted in December.

1st Responder Truck: Chief Michalski reported that the truck is ordered. It should be received in 90 days but may take longer because of the light packages ordered. The cost of the truck is \$35,000. That cost does not include a slide-in topper, and the truck does not have a mobile radio. It was purchased from Nelson Chevrolet of Fergus Falls. Delivery is estimated for the first of February. Berg offered a resolution that the new First Responder truck only be used within the fire protection district, and that the old truck be used outside of the area for mutual aid. Berg/Hoppe. Carried. Unit 445 will also be used for mutual aid calls.

Building Maintenance, Rain Gutters: Table until spring.

Energy Audit: Chief Michalski said that he has not heard from the fellow about the LED lights. He requested that motion sensor switches be installed in every room. Berg said to go ahead with the light switches. Nelson said that there was \$5,000 left in the Maintenance Budget. Chief Michalski will talk to Harlan Schmeling at the power plant and see if there are any CIP funds left. It was decided that Shaw and Nelson will go and talk to Schmeling the next day.

Officers: Five applications were received for the officers' positions. Berg said that interviews could be conducted around Nov. 28.

Fire Run Report: There were 35 calls in October. See report for details.

New Business, Printer: The head went on the printer in the fire district office. It was the consensus of the board that Nelson order another printer at the approximate cost of \$150.

Relief Association: Phil Lattu of the Relief Association requested that the benefit level be increased to \$2,000. He handed out a Treasurer's Report and explained the different aspects of the report. Motion by Berg/Shaw to accept the request for the raise to \$2,000. Carried.

Table: LED Lighting: Chief Michalski said that the lighting in the bathrooms can be changed to LED.

Department Report: Chief Michalski requested that he be able to purchase new ceiling tiles to replace those damaged by the leaking air exchanger. It was the consensus of the board that he purchase and

replace the ceiling tiles. He also requested that he be able to purchase small equipment for the new truck, such as a cordless tool set, mask, electric chain saw, and a mobile radio. A grant application will be submitted to pipeline companies to fund the equipment. And a Toughbook computer is also needed. Nelson said that there is money in the budget for all of that.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m, Shaw/Nelson. Carried.