Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District

Board meeting, Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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

Firefighters present: Chief Michalski, Captain Trenhaile, Ass’t Chief C. Hibke, J. Hibke

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

**Agenda:** Add Audit under New Business. Approved, Nelson/Aldrin. Carried.

**Minutes:** DNR grant has been submitted. Grant application to the railroad has not been submitted yet. Approved as amended, Nelson/Hoppe. Carried.

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

**Old Business**

**Phone lines with Internet:** Berg reported that CW Technology has installed the wiring. The connections will be made on Thursday. He will let the fire department know what the private password is. The district staff will use a guest password.

**Verizon phone:** The phone will be activated in the 16th. There will be a forwarding system to the officers.

**Galaxy Tablets:** The Galaxy tablets are in. Berg will set them up.

**New windows:** The new windows are in but they still need to be sealed.

**Drone:** The drone has been purchased. Chief Michalski said that some of the firefighters are doing training online and will take the test soon. He is waiting for an official FAA number.

**Aerial truck:** Berg reported that Chief Michalski recommended that the district not purchase the ladder truck that was discussed at the June meeting. The search for a truck will continue. Berg said that the limit for purchasing a truck was $100,000. That can be covered from the Truck Fund. Lower asked if there would be an increase in the taxes if a truck was purchased. Nelson replied that there has been no tax increase for eight years until last year. He did not expect a tax increase for next year. Berg said that a limit was set for the ladder truck but it was not known if equipment will have to be purchased for it. It was pointed out that the insurance rates for property owners would go down if the district purchased a ladder truck.

**New Business**

**Audit:** Nelson said that the audit report has been turned in but it was late. He recommended looking for another auditor. Berg suggested that bids be solicited.

**Township Information**

**Windemere:** No one present.

**Silver:** No one present.

**Department Report - Chief:** The Steak Fry is Saturday, July 13. There is an old civil defense pump that the city has from the 1950s. It will be loaded on a trailer and brought to the fire hall. Michalski suggested that it be offered to another department in the county.

**Officers:** C. Hibke reported that the accountability tags have been picked up. The Kettle River and Barnum departments will contact the Moose Lake department when they have picked up their tags.

Trenhaile reported that the firefighters are training with the pumps and did a training at the new school that went well. There are plans to do water training on the lake. Nelson asked the department to come up with a wish list and present it at the next meeting before the budget is set. Berg suggested that the vendors be contacted and asked for deals and free shipping, if possible.

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

**Relief Association:** The raffle is up and running. Tickets are being sold.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Nelson/Aldrin. Carried.