Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District

Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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

Firefighters: Chief Michalski, Corey Hibke, Trenhaile, Chandler, Hoadley, Hattenburger

Others: None

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

**Agenda:** No changes. Approved, Nelson/Aldrin. Carried.

**Minutes:** Change Joyce’s last name to Hipke, and Chandler was not present. Approved as amended, Hoppe/Aldrin. Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report and Bill List:** Add check #8068 to Locksmith Services in the amount of $1,292.95 for changing the locks. Report approved, Hoppe/Aldrin. Carried. (See another check added in item about flowers for family of firefighter.)

**Old Business**

**CW Technology/Wifi/Internet:** Berg reported that O’Brien and he will put in Verizon. Hope to close out the project by next month. The charges will be at a government rate. More information will be gathered about using iPads instead of the Toughbooks.

**Mugs and Hugs:** The event will be held at the fire hall on Saturday, May 25. The event has been advertised around town on a poster and on WMOZ. EMS will also be involved. Discussed the food that will be served. Berg said that planning needs to begin early. Other organizations should be included.

**Window replacement:** Chandler reported that replacing both windows would cost $1,850. It takes two to three weeks to get the windows after they are ordered. Motion to approve the order, Aldrin/Hoppe. Carried

**Switch offices:** Berg suggested that the fire district office be swapped with the fire department secretary’s office. Chief Michalski said that was fine with him. That was favored over moving a wall between the fire district and fire department secretary’s office and spending funds on that project. Nelson noted that the city is supposed to approve payment to the fire district at the city council meeting the next day for the police interview room that had been the fire district’s office.

**Flowers for death in family of firefighter:** Berg said that the fire district will pay. It was a different situation and did not need prior approval. Add check number 8069 in the amount of $58.25. Approved, Nelson/Aldrin. Carried.

**New Business** – None

**Townships information** – None

**Department Report:** Chief Michalski reported that Todd Hoadley and Bob Moffet, Jr. are retiring the end of June. Motion to accept retirements approved, Nelson/Hoppe. Carried.

The points will be updated next month for each firefighter. Michalski is getting prices for replacing the tailgate on 449. The truck was backed into a tree during the search for the missing plane. Because of the difficulties during the search, the department is going to move forward and buy a flat-bottomed boat. He also requested that the district board approve the purchase of a drone for the fire department to be used in searches. The price was $3,700. Users of the drone have to be licensed. Several people will have to be trained to use it. The county pays for the training. The cost of taking the test is $150. The license is good for three or four years. Motion by Nelson, second by Aldrin, to authorize the funds of $4,500 for the purchase of a drone and for five people to take the test. Carried.

**Officers:** Hattenburger asked for six sets of helmet lights. Motion to order six helmet lights in the amount of $75 each. Approved, Nelson/Aldrin. Carried. / Name badges are also needed. Approved by consesus. / Chandler reported that he had gotten prices on hose reels. Motion by Hoppe/Aldrin to purchase a hose reel and ¾ inch hose in the amount of $670 plus tax and shipping. Carried.

**Run Report:** J. Hibke read. The amount of hours in the May report will be high because of the search for the plane, said Michalski. Fifteen people were involved for 15 hours.

**Relief Association:** Hoadley said that there was a gun raffle meeting the following day and the Relief Association meeting was the first week in June. He will bring up the procedure for the flowers. Nelson said that a spokesperson for the gun show said that the Relief Association can have a booth at the show to sell raffle tickets.

**WiFi:** Michalski said that there was a problem with WiFi during the search because there were seven computers in the meeting room being used as a command center. Berg said that he would note that. He also asked the officers to develop a five-year plan that can be used when drawing up the budget.

Michalski also noted that the department received 26 Nomex hoods from the Hoods for Heros program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. Nelson/Hoppe. Carried.