# **Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District**

600 Hwy 73

Moose Lake Minnesota 55767

Official Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Fire District 6:30pm Tuesday, February 13, 2024 Fire Hall Conference Room

The meeting opened by Chair Steve Aldrin at 6:30 pm. Fire District Board Members present were Steve Aldrin, Guyal Nelson, Walt Lower, Jeff Kirk and Jon Lund. Others in attendance were Chad Davidson, Tony Bakhtiari, Jim Michalski, Corey Hibke, Joyce Hibke, Steve Trenhaile, Dan Hattenberger and recording secretary Cathleen Troskey.

**Agenda:** Aldrin would like to amend the Agenda to add ML Power & Light and By-Laws under new business and also Service In Kind Agreement, CRP Training and Lexipol to new business. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Kirk to approve the amended Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** A motion by Kirk and seconded by Lower to approve the January minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nelson reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Check Register. A Motion was made by Lower and seconded by Lund to approve the Treasurer's Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Nelson discussed that at last month's meeting, the Board Member meeting fees should have been changed from \$50 to \$60. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Kirk to approve the Board Member meeting fees to be \$60. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- Harlen Schmeling from Moose Lake Power & Light address the size of the variance fuel tank will be 41 which is longer than what was discussed a few months ago. A motion was made by Kirk and seconded by Lower to approve the 41 foot variance. The motion passed unanimously.
- Aldrin discussed the By-Laws and Legislation have been sent to the lawyer to get them updated.

#### **New Business:**

- Aldrin will look at the Service In Kind Agreement with the City of Moose Lake. If County takes
  over need to look at possibly renting the space and do own plowing. Kirk will assist Aldrin in
  whatever he needs help with.
- Aldrin will check on getting a separate electric meter for the Law Enforcement office spaces and garage.
- Nelson would like the extra office room back from the PD as they don't use it. Aldrin will look
  into taking back the one office that is not being used by PD.
- Aldrin will get a hold of an electrician for flag light outside.
- Kirk asked if the Fire District will be dealing with the City or County when County takes over the law enforcement for City. Aldrin will look into this more.
- Nelson spoke about CPR Training and opening it up to the public. If the Fire Department receives some of the State funds that the City received to be shared with the Fire Department for these types of things they could buy some recessive Annie's and put on training courses.

- Lower spoke that he brought it up with Alyssa and is waiting to hear back from her if the City is legally allowed to give the Fire District those funds.
- A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Kirk to not renew Lexipol. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Township Information:**

- Windemere Township Bakhtiari states they are still meeting at Camp Miller until the camp opens.
- Silver Township No report.

#### **Department Report:**

- Chief –Nothing to report.
- Assistant Chief C. Hibke reported they interviewed Nate Johnson and pending his physical
  they would like to add him to the Department. Motion by Nelson and seconded by Kirk to add
  Nate Johnson on the Department pending physical. The motion passed unanimously.
- Captain/Training Officer Trenhaile discussed that they started Fire Fighter 1 and 2 class and the training will be fully reimbursed. The Web Page is updated and looks good and thanks to John Hedin for the work he has done on it. Website: www.mooselakefiredistrict.com
- First Lieutenant Hattenberger reported that a couple of SED masks have been ordered and that everyone should have everything they need for now and the next couple sets of gear expire in 2025. Trenhaile reported pagers are good, but will need to get some batteries for them.
- Second Lieutenant J. Hibke reported that letters went out to those who don't have 25%.
- Relief Association Davidson reported the annual meeting was held, elected new Board with the PERA stuff and trustees. They reviewed what they will do for fundraising for 2024. They have a \$30,000 check to put into PERA from 2023 fundraising.
- Second Lietenant J. Hibke read the run report.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

#### Open:

- Discussed the property for sale next door. The price is too high.
- The sign out front needs some work done to it.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Kirk to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Board Chair** 

Steve Aldrin

Clerk

Guyal Nelson