

The regular monthly meeting of the EAGLE MILLS FIRE DISTRICT #1 Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by the District Secretary at 7:14 pm on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

Member's present were; Jeff Dunham, Shawn Duffey, and Chris Swanson. John Erickson, and Joe Kunz were not in attendance for the meeting.

An accounting of all monies in the treasury was distributed to all the Commissioners. The account information had a breakdown of the CRF accounts and a screenshot of the bank statement values as of the end of the previous month. Jeff Dunham made a motion seconded by John Erickson approved 3-0 with all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report.

The Secretary's report of the August 19, 2021 meeting was supplied at the July meeting. Jeff Dunham made a motion, seconded by Joe Kunz and approved 3-0 with all in favor to accept the meeting minutes.

There was no request for public access from those in attendance.

Old Business

The Secretary asked if the Commissioners still planned to have a meeting with the Department about membership, and they agreed to a meeting on October 20th. The Secretary will put the notice in the paper.

The Secretary asked about the internet connection; currently the District is paying for 120 mbps but from several tests we are only around 20 mbps. The Secretary was asked to contact Spectrum about the speed and have them test it.

The Commissioners asked what happened to the cascade bottle that failed. It was explained by the Chief that the technician took it with him.

The Secretary stated that he sent the contract to the CME coordinator.

As Joe Kunz had requested Andy Johnston piped the relief valve for the sprinkler system to the driveway. The Procurement Officer explained that the janitor extended the piping on the sprinkler drain as requested last month.

The Chief stated he spoke to DeNooyer about a pick-up and he is still waiting to hear from the sales rep on what they have and prices.

The Chief provided an updated quote from Tenn Chin to update the Wi-Fi network in the firehouse to support knox boxes and to build a computer to replace the Chief's current computer. The vendor should have most of the equipment required to make the updates in stock and also to build the computer. The Secretary asked if this update will enhance the Wi-Fi in the rest of the building or just in the truck bays. The Commissioners asked if the Office card purchased last year was for one year and for three computers, and they were all installed on the Chiefs laptops.

Chris Swanson made a motion, seconded by Jeff Dunham approved 3-0 with all in favor to accept the quote for updating the Wi-Fi and to build a new computer for the Chief.

Jeff Dunham explained the new process to get fuel for the generator rather than calling Long Energy. He or another member with a fuel tank in their truck will go to the school garage and fill their supplemental tank and then come and fill the tank for the generator.

Chris Swanson explained that a new process will be started at the end of the month to submit call PCR forms electronically. He explained that the Department will be ready when this starts. There will be no more paper PCR forms sent, the forms can be used to collect the information at the calls, then used to input the information on the website. We can make copies of the current PCR forms to use.

New Business

The Chiefs Office would like to buy gloves and hoods. A purchase requested was completed and signed for this purchase. The Chiefs Secretary would like to use the hoods and gloves and the equipment purchased from Goyers for the NYS EnCon grant. The grant is a 50% reimbursement for equipment, up to \$1,500.

The Commissioners reviewed the draft budget and approved its current version. The Treasurer will drop off a copy to the Town.

Shawn Duffey made a motion, seconded by Jeff Dunham and approved 3-0 with all in favor to accept the budget for 2022.

The Procurement Officer explained that Tyco was here to check the system and the alerts we keep receiving. The tech replaced the batteries and said it would take a couple days for the system to sync with the batteries. If that doesn't stop the alerts then we will need new boards and that could be expensive. The Commissioners asked the Procurement Officer to try and get an estimate on the price to do this and see if it is covered under our service agreement. The Commissioners discussed searching for a new vendor for the security system at the firehouse due to the lack of service and high costs of repairs to the current system.

The Chief would like to discuss the EMS with the Commissioners and the EMTs to discuss going to calls and how to increase the number of calls made. The Department is currently relying on mutual aid to respond to a lot of EMS calls. The Chief doesn't want to leave it up to three members to respond to the EMS calls. It was discussed what the rules are for members to drive a department vehicle, as there is one EMT who doesn't have training from the Department and without a driver he can't make it to calls. The Secretary will ask the insurance carrier if there are any rules preventing a member from driving an apparatus if they haven't completed the EVOC course. This member has completed training to drive an ambulance at his employer. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of hiring an employee to man the station during the day so they can answer calls.

Shawn Duffey made a motion, seconded by Jeff Dunham and approved 3-0 with all in favor to purchase the propane tank from Long Energy.

Jeff Dunham made a motion, seconded by Shawn Duffey, and approved 3-0 with all in favor to pay all the bills presented by the Treasurer and audited by the Commissioners.

Jeff Dunham made a motion, seconded by Shawn Duffey, and approved 3-0 with all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Kerwin - Fire District Secretary