

08/10/2015

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FAIR GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Board President Bub Herbert

Roll:

- Butch Morris-Present
- Carl Buckner-Present
- Kenneth Bacon –Present
- Bub Herbert- Present
- Ricky Icenhower-Present

MEETING MINUTES

Motion made to change July minutes, Lumber was purchased by Carl and Brad, not Mark. Minutes were approved with changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made to reissue payment to Praxair, and not stop payment on previous check by Morris, Seconded by Bacon. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment of Battalion Chief

The Board would like to recognize both Candidates as extremely well qualified.

Motion made by Bacon to make Erich Higgins the new Battalion Chief, Seconded by Buckner. All approved with a voice vote. Concerns were voiced with Item #4 and Item #5. Mark explained item #4 was how it was originally grown with the safer grant and #5 the vehicle is to remain at the station for Battalion Chief use.

7:37pm Auditor Alan arrived, so we will break in to his report so as to not make him wait for new business. He explained that they had hoped to be completed with the audit, but additional records were needed for 2013. The accounting software package was unavailable for 2013 and they were working to gain access to the files to complete it. 2014 records were quite accurate, and 2012 were very close. They were committed to getting it right, and that is what was holding it up. Three distinctly different groups had completed the three sections and more work was needed to tie it all together. The board notes its appreciation for the explanation from the auditor and supports the audit and its processes.

7:45pm Back to Old Business

Hiring of New Firefighter(s): Mark has a list of new applicants with four possible candidates. Mark proposes the immediate hire of one to replace Erich and provide double coverage at all times. Morris makes a Motion to hire one firefighter now, Seconded by Bacon. All are in favor by a voice vote.

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Springfield-Greene County OEM Hazard Migration Plan was approved as written by all with a voice vote.

Station #3 Ceiling will be tabled for a later discussion.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

See attached Chief's Report.

Fire I and II class will be held at Station two nights per week, and 1 more set of equipment is needed.
Schedule is Pending

Driver Training

Infrastructure- wanting to add bunk rooms to the far end of the station meeting room to add privacy and sleeping quarters. Discussed door types and where entrance locations would be. Mark agreed to stay near the \$1000 rough budget plan for the work by using people from within the station for labor.

The 03 F150 is out for repair with fuel pump issues. Arnott gave new lightbar for the new truck and Richards's vehicle.

Smoke house sat outside with a window needing to be replaced. Window replaced now, but water damage needs repaired. Approx \$1500. Wanted repaired in time for Fire Prevention in Oct. (4th-10th). The board wants a narrower estimate with a materials list and pricing.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Clompton is requesting reimbursement for Firefighter I and II training. Motion is made by Bacon to approve her request, Seconded by Morris. Voice vote Bacon, Herbert, Morris and Icenhower all Yes, Buckner abstained.

Mold issue at Station #3, North wall. Floor to ceiling damage noted, full extent not known as it was not safe to investigate further. A French drain should be the cheapest option for repair. Carpet and Drywall will both need to be replaced. This item was tabled for discussion at next meeting.

Propane bids are needed for 2015-2016 Check to see if MS Propane had it for \$.99.

2016 Budget Approval. Cut will have to come from the General Fund. Needs rewritten to fit the new tax levy. More checks need made about Health Insurance. Check with Bradley Daniels to see if rates can be locked in before a certain date.

District Treasurer tabled until next month

Retirement & LAGERS Benefits will require the firefighters to write a letter, which they are not all on board with at this time.

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Schedule a Public Hearing @6:30pm

Schedule a Special Meeting @6:31pm

Motion is made by Bacon to Schedule a Public Hearing at 6:30pm and a Special Meeting at 6:31pm on Thursday August 20th Seconded by Buckner. All approved with a voice vote.

Motion made by Morris to enter closed session per RSMo 610.021, Subsection (3), Seconded by Bacon. Motion passed unanimously.

8:27pm Entered Closed Session

9:15pm Returned to Open Session

Motion made by Morris to amend the upcoming Agenda to create a written policy by Morris Seconded by Bacon. Motion approved by Roll Call Vote: Bacon: Yes, Herbert: Yes, Morris:Yes , Icenhower :Yes, Buckner:Yes.

Motion made by Morris to Add to the agenda the creation of new written policy for next session, Seconded by Buckner. Motion approved by Roll Call Vote: Bacon: Yes, Herbert: Yes, Morris:Yes , Icenhower :Yes, Buckner:Yes.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Bacon, Seconded by Buckner. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY, SEPT 14, 2015 AT FIRE STATION #2.