

Brodhead Fire District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 6, 2015
7:00
Brodhead Fire Station

CALL TO ORDER: Ron Schwartzlow (P) at 7:01

ROLL CALL: Present: Ron Schwartzlow (P), Richard Hale (VP), Pat Faessler (T), and Steve Hazeltine, Jason Coplien. Absent: Ann Anderson (S)

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS: On Sept 22, 2015 Minutes: Change secure funding for one fire truck borrow 320,000 (not 325,000) with a truck cost of \$515,000.

Payroll issues: Motion made to change to W2 from 1099, Pat Faessler motioned, second by Richard Hale. Motion passed (correction Ron Schwartzlow opposed)

MINUTES OF SEPT 1, 2015 AND SEPT 22, 2015:

After correction made to Sept 22, 2015 minute's, motion to approve minutes: Richard Hale, Second: Steve Hazeltine. Motion carried.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking account balance as of 9/30/2015 \$120,037.36

CD# 63199 \$100,552.78

CD# 63198 \$78,791.96

LOSAP and Firefighters pay are two large amounts left to come out by end of year.

Motion to approve treasure report: Steve Hazeltine, Second: Richard Hale

Motion Carried

PAYMENTS OF BILLS:

Unpaid Bills as of October 6, 2015 \$2,890.19

Mercy Health has been paid twice. Confusion on bills and charges will hold off payment till straighten out.

Firefighters' Daughter (Fire Prevention) \$740.00 and \$317.11

Gasser \$129.86

NAPA \$85.80

Motion to approve payment of bills: Richard Hale, Second: Steve Hazeltine

FIREFIGHTER'S INC REPORT:

NOTHING

Steve Hazeltine stated not sure if this is part of Firefighters Inc. but has a concern of purchasing of extra equipment for new engine. He feels District pays for truck and Firefighters Inc. should pay for the Multiplex System and High Pressure System

Another suggestion was made with the selling of Engine 6 use the money from the sale to put High Pressure System on Brush or Command.

Ron Schwartzlow stated he wishes a representative from Firefighters Inc. would keep District informed maybe come to a meeting every couple of months and just give them heads up on dates of fundraisers etc.

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT:

Chief Scheidegger stated he had talk to Jerry Wendt owner of the Fire Inspection Company in regards to a complaint about one of his inspectors. Chief Scheidegger stated he was called about one of the inspectors dress and entering a business without consent. Jerry said he would talk to the inspector about complaint.

Best of Brodhead is being dealt with they did a reinspection still need to resolve some issues. Chief Scheidegger still feels that there should not be a business below Best of Brodhead for load barring reasons. The Dance Studio will be relocating at the end of November to the old Fishers Do It Best building.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Scheidegger stated he would like to hold off on physicals for new firefighters till they complete FF1 to make sure they are dedicated to the Fire District. Chief Scheidegger would still have new members run agility test and send for drug screen and titer test.

For upcoming classes if we need books will check into renting on Amazon to try and save on the budget.

Chief Scheidegger brought up uniforms and possibility of supplying: shirt, ties, badge, name tags, firefighters would be responsible for buying their own black and/or navy pants and shoes. Chief Scheidegger suggested maybe checking into other uniform companies for cheaper prices.

Chief Scheidegger brought up that we will need to purchase new fire boots next year. After discussion there was an agreement to go with Fire Dex boots.

Chief Scheidegger asked if we could get a quote to install automatic flushers.

Chief Scheidegger stated that the station has a layer of black soot and asked to have the makeup air unit check or need no smoke checked on apparatus' that have units.

Olin Oil- Steve Tolman should be contacted to check make up air unit.

Doors on building leak wanted to know if we could get fixed before winter need new seals doors not closing tightly. Contact Monroe Glass to see if they could make adjustments.

Chief Scheidegger stated he would like to purchase a car that could be used for classes so that Command would not be out of district if call comes in.

Chief stated that garbage has not been picked up by Rock Disposal. Pat Faessler said he would call to find out what's the issue.

Chief Scheidegger stated 4 SCBA are down and need to be fixed.

LIFE QUEST REPORT:

Pat Faessler stated he has not seen a transfer of money from Hometown Bank that handles Lifequest to the Bank of Brodhead. Waiting till new bank statement arrives to check on transfer. Should be roughly \$3800.00. There was a mix up with Rural and District and Lifequest deposited \$127.00 into Rural Acct by mistake that money needs to be transferred from Rural to the District in the amount of \$127.00.

Ron Schwartzlow asked if Heather Osborne would be interested in doing billing with separate hours from normal 29 hrs for District. She would receive a percentage of money collected for billing runs instead of Lifequest. Heather Osborne stated she would think about it.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET:

City has not discussed budget, City Council meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2015 at 7 PM. District will hold off on discussion till after City Council has met. Rural has a projected percentage but does not want to discuss till after City Council meeting.

Ron Schwartzlow suggested money for truck fund come from selling of engine and money received from Lifequest.

City of Brodhead to be lead municipality signing for loan to purchase new engine.

Need to check if there is a penalty on loan or if it is possible to pay loan off early.

Mayor asked if it was possible to refurbish/rebuild engine.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015 6 PM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2015 6 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Hazeltine, Second: Richard Hale

Time: 8:51 PM

Heather Osborne
Brodhead Fire District
10/21/2015