

DIVERNON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of April 20th, 2016

Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Present

Bill Beaty
Jim Spelman
Brian Spelman
Jim Price
Mike Bolash

Absent

Firemen or guest

Deputy Chief Dave Sisk
Corey Ball
Frank Lowery
Austin Stuhmer
Shawn Burnley, Chief of Pawnee Fire

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

All Trustees in attendance went over the March 16th, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: To accept the minutes of March 16th, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Jim Spelman Second: Bill Beaty

Vote: 3 YES 0 NO Present 2 (Price, Bolash)

TREASURERS REPORT

Trustees went over the treasurer's report for April 2016.

Starting balance savings \$152,388.95 and ending balance of \$149,372.47.

Starting balance checking \$ 2315.74 and ending balance of \$ 2315.36.

Motion to approve the treasurer's reports and pay the bills.

Motion: Mike Bolash Second: Jim Price

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO

CHIEFS REPORT

Calls for the month of March 2016 were: Fires 5, Medicals 10, Mutual Aid 3 & Weather 0.

Austin Stuhmer has joined the department, has completed all paperwork and is eligible

Brock Lueschen has been removed from the department, no longer has time for the commitment.

Al Lewin has moved out of the approved areas, now on the west side of Springfield. He will however remain as an instructor from time to time.

E1503 had another oil leak, this time from the rear main seal. All fixed and back in service,

Firemen are doing another fundraiser to replace the loss of homecoming funds. A raffle for all 31 days of July based off the noon time pick 3 lottery. Members have tickets to sell for \$10.00 each.

Need to discuss changing the class reimbursement policy for EMT class. With the call volume for EMS being 80-85% of yearly calls, the need for more EMT's is needed. With volunteers being younger getting on, the cost at times is prohibitive to some. The cost for LLCC class is far more than the ones being conducted by a few groups who do this all the time. Would like to pay for them up front like we do fire classes. Maybe do for all in district and outside of district on a case by case basis.

Recently some of our MABAS Box Cards have been changed for various reasons. As always this is an operational decision made by the Chief and depending on what it is by staff and members. Some changes were made and have created an issue with a Mutual Aid Chief. I should have spoken with him about the issues prior to making the change. All I can say is some were minor stuff, I did not have time over the past few months to deal with this, and it was not going to change the outcome or be a permanent solution in the long run, as soon as we had a couple more EMT's for daytime it would have reverted back to not being automatic aid. Normally I do not bring this up at a trustee meeting since this is not where this is discussed or decided. I have prior to tonight's meeting sent him emails and texts to explain some of it, not all to his liking. We need to try and let this go, as no one knows what the future holds and we may need to rely on each other again.

I am at the annual FDIC conference in Indianapolis this week and six other members will be attending Friday and Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Shawn Burnley Chief of Pawnee Fire Department attended the meeting to address the board on the recent changes to the MABAS Box Cards. He asked what problems had occurred to make the changes necessary. Some members of the department discussed the issues with Chief Burnley.

The board suggested to Deputy Chief Sisk and Chief Burnley that a meeting be held between the 3 departments concerned to clear up what issues remain and better communication in the future would avoid these problems.

A motion was made to pay for EMT class for a new member of the department which led to discussion on the district's policy for reimbursement. The motion was tabled after the discussion. We need to revise our policy before doing this and should seek input from the board's attorney.

President Spelman signed letter for Loy, Miller and Tally PC to do the annual audit.

Light at west end of building has been installed for parking area.

Next meeting will be May 18th, 2016

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:56 pm

Motion: Jim Price Second: Brian Spelman

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO

