

# DIVERNON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Present

Jim Price

Jim Spelman

Brian Spelman

Bill Beaty

Mike Bolash arrived 7:45 pm

Absent

Firemen or guest

Chief Randy Rhodes

Dep Chief Dave Sisk

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

All Trustees in attendance went over the June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: To accept the minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 regular meeting.

Motion: Jim Spelman            Second: Bill Beaty

Vote: 3 YES                    0 NO                    1 Present (Price)

## TREASURERS REPORT

Trustees went over the treasurer's report for July 2016 and the corrected June 2016 report.

Corrected June

Starting balance savings \$144,432.10 and ending balance of \$ 196,621.52.

Starting balance checking \$ 2,781.59 and ending balance of \$ 4,811.81.

July

Starting balance savings \$196,621.52 and ending balance of \$ 199,788.29.

Starting balance checking \$ 4,811.81 and ending balance of \$ 2,917.77.

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

Motion: Jim Price            Second: Jim Spelman

Vote: 4 YES                    0 NO

## CHIEFS REPORT

Calls for the month of June 2016 were: Fires 3, Medicals 15, Mutual Aid 0 & Weather 0.

Mike Dugger has applied to become a member and has passed the background and medicals checks. He lives in town.

Austin and Adam still doing well in their classes

Annual pump tests were completed by Alexis Fire recently and both passed. The electric motor on the primer pump on E1501 was bad, it has been taken to Springfield to be rebuilt.

Training with Virden Fire and others went well for all.

Chatham, Auburn and Virden Fire will be hosting the next firefighter class, starting September 11, 2016 running through July 2017. The cost is \$350 plus book. All classes are on Sunday. We may have 5-8 going.

The members will be picking one of three sets of turnout gear over the next month on which one they like best.

Annual Illinois Firefighters Association conference/training. Is October 13-16 at IFSI, we will have 3-6 going. It's \$50 a person plus hotel stay.

Chief Rhodes along with Chatham Fire Chief Schumer and Pawnee Fire Chief Burnley met on July 7 and came to an agreement on our box card for medical calls. Weekdays during the daytime if we do not have anyone responding after the initial page and three minutes have passed, Chatham if needed will request another unit to assist. If Pawnee informs Chatham each morning that they have an ambulance available for the shift and at what level, they will be called if warranted. Changes went into effect July 11th.

We are looking at a solution that will make our portable radio's more life safety for our firefighters to be able to communicate with dispatch, but being able to contact them on fire-ground channels is a problem at best and almost never hearing the units go en-route to calls. GTSI is working on a two channel booster/repeater for us here. Cost is in the area of \$15,000.00. It would need to be placed very high in the air to work. Chief Rhodes has asked the village board about installing it on the water tower railing. Our Attorney is working on an agreement for this prior to any further decisions.

The IAFFPD conference was very good. Chief Rhodes attended the necessary sessions to keep his education requirements current.

The Department's chief officers would like the board to adopt that all members who join the department be required to become First Responder Certified as well as complete the Basic Firefighter Course. They will be able to teach the course here with no fee for our members. The only cost would be for the book. With over 80% of all calls being EMS in nature this would be prudent on our part. Might get a few to advance on to become EMT's. This is a 40 hour course with a state test and yearly requirements to stay licensed. We would like everyone with 4 years or less to take the class. That would be about 6 members. Members over 4 years would have the option to take it.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustees discussed the tentative budget.

Motion to adopt the tentative budget for FY16-17.

Motion: Jim Price      Second: Mike Bolash

Vote: 5 YES              0 NO

NEW BUSINESS

None

Next meeting will be August 16, 2016

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:06 pm

Motion: Jim Price      Second: Brian Spelman

Vote: 5 YES              0 NO