

# DIVERNON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present

Jim Spelman  
Jim Price  
Mike Bolash  
Brian Spelman  
Bill Beaty

Absent

Firemen or guest

Chief Randy Rhodes  
Dep Chief Jimmy Mayes

Budget hearing opened at 7:00pm Budget hearing closed at 7:17 pm no members of the public were in attendance.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Trustees went over the minutes for August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion to approve the August meeting minutes.

Motion: Mike Bolash            Second: Jim Price

Vote: 5 YES            0 NO

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers' report for September was presented.

September savings beginning balance \$508,677.26 ending balance \$254,710.14.

September checking beginning balance \$3,750.69 ending balance \$4,024.29.

Certificates of Deposit            \$300,000.00

Motion: Accept the September Treasurers report and pay the bills.

Motion: Jim Price            Second: Mike Bolash

Vote: 5 Yes            0 No

CHIEFS REPORT

Calls for the month August were Fires 6, Medicals 19, Mutual Aid 0.            20/153

We have been awarded the AFG grant for communications in the amount of \$64,752.00. Our 5% match is \$3083.43. \$1000.00 is the amount back for the grant writer.

Bid package went out and is due back Oct 4<sup>th</sup> once the department goes over it and pock one. We will then need to have the Sangamon County Public Safety Communications System group go over it and make sure it meets the specs to work on the new county radio system.

Dep Chief Mayes has accepted a full-time position at Litchfield Fire Department and will be moving soon.

EMS member numbers are getting low, the next several months will be tough here responding to them. We are planning to host an EMR class in the fall here and have possibly 3 for class so far. 2 will be getting on when we do this. Also 2 new junior members (Seniors in high school are taking the EMT-B) so once they pass and turn 18, we could have one by next May and the other November 2024.

Had two prospects for the fire side, all paperwork done, and one changed his mind the next day and the other decided to move away. We are actively recruiting. Possibly 2 more later this week.

Upcoming yearly items: Hydrants in October, pump testing and vehicle service.

Firefighter Jay Ayers left the department since he is no longer working at the school.

Roof and Gutters need checked, Blacktop needs sealed, building needs power washed and painted.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

Discussed the budget no one from the public attended the budget hearing.

Motion: Adopt the budget for FY 23-24

Motion: Bill Beaty    Second: Brian Spelman

Vote: 5 Yes            0 No

Next meeting will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:51 pm

Motion: Jim Price            Second: Brian Spelman

Vote: 5 YES            0 NO