

Board Meeting

14 Sept 2021

Call to order @ 1900 by Daniel Griffin

Prayer given by Martha Mcfarland

Roll call taken by Gary Johnson II

Members present: Daniel Griffin, Gary Johnson, Mike Fisher, Doug Beaulieu, Steve Johnson

Members absent: Brandon Jones, George Dykes

Prior minutes:

1. Minutes from 10 August 2021 read by Gary Johnson. Motioned made to accept minutes read was made by Doug Beaulieu, second by Mike Fisher. Approved by all.

Treasure Report:

1. Read by Doug Beaulieu. Motion made to accept treasure report as read was made by Mike Fisher, second by Gary Johnson. Approved by all.

Chief Report:

1. Read by Chief Jerry Harris

2. Chief proposed to the men to every 3rd day and keep split shift guys if they wanted to and they would continue working every 6th day. The men working every 3rd day would work 8 shifts a month, keeping them under the 9th day shift cap which would give them 1 kelly day every 27th day of the month. Each person working every 3rd day would earn 22 hours of vacation time and split shift guys would work only 5 shifts a month and would earn 11 hours of vacation time. Vacation hours for 8 shift guys would be capped at 132 hours where the split shift guys would be capped at 65 hours. Chief or Martha would use quick books to keep up with the Earned time and usage of said time for each employee each month. This staffing move will accomplish increase

pay, provide additional benefit, ensure each shift would be staffed around the clock, the department would not be rocked finically. Chief Boyd will be picking up some C-shifts in October. Chief will be hiring a new employee but will not be able to start working alone till October. We lost Jack Black and Chad Tamanaha, will be reverting to fill in status. Tombigbee Grant update is that we should know something by the end of the day on September 14, 2021. Gary Johnson and David Doyle will be starting yearly maintenance on Rescue 1320 and tanker 1312, all parts have been ordered and recieved and sitting in the office. 1303 is still in the shop and being worked on, close to be finished. Chief Bossard still working on the ALS plans and will present that at the OCT 2022 Boardmeeting. Jim Bossard and Rachael will be taking another leave of absence till December 2021. We started a new training program thru the fire college this month and the attendance for volunteers have been reviewed and everyone reminded of their obligation. October is Fire Prevention Month and we will be teaching the 3rd grade class at Lakeview Elementary once again this year, time and dates will be announced. The bay door at Station 1 has not been working, Matthew Marchant, the new local contractor we will be using for the future, will be working on the problem. We have recieved a check from FIRE RECOVERY for \$671.00 this month. We will attending a class for protecting evidence and chain of evidence in October with the Lakeview Police Department.

3. Motion to accept Chief's report as read was made by Steve Johnson, second by Mike Fisher. Approved by all.

Old Business:

1. Working on 2021 invoices
2. 2020 Dues not paid is about \$58,000
3. New Resident handout. Tabled at this time.
4. Vote update: All poll were signed up but 1 backed out and we are having to fill that slot.

New Business:

1. New 2022 proposed budget: projected 2021 billing is \$250,000 with deliquent 2020 dues at \$ 58,000. Total projected budget is \$ 295,000.00.
2. Ammendment to the Bylaws for exemptions for state retirement, need a motion on

the floor.

Public Input:

1. Mary Christenson said that she has spoke with the county about why they would not accept billing for flat rate instead of milage, with them telling her they would bill either way. She stated that the town was told that they could only bill at milage and wondered why they were told that if the county said they would bill either way?

---- Daniel Griffin answered with the probate court and the lawyers said it would be best to set vote for milage.

Mrs. Christenson also asked why the town did not get a chance to vote on milage or flat rate.?

---- Daniel Griffin answered with milage prevents keeping up with inflations and having to come back in a few years and revote for another Fire Due raise.

Janet Wilson asked if Manufactured homes not assessed with property will be the same for single wide and double wide homes?

---- Daniel Griffing answered with yes but majority of double wides are assessed with the property.

Mrs. Wilson also asked about vacant properties will be build thru fire district at 1 mil.

---Daniel Griffin answered with yes at 1 mil or a minimum of \$15.00

Dianne Nesbitt signed up to have input but refrained from doing so at her moment to time to speak.

Tracey Pearson asked do we know how many houses are being built?

----- Daniel Griffin answered with 300-400 houses being built.

Mrs. Pearson also asked if we are doubling are money with the new houses being built why do we need to raise the fire dues?

----- Daniel Griffin answered with a roof top adds more liability and expense to the department. Plus assuming that none of the home owners tax exempt.

Mrs Pearson also asked about raising fire dues when we have not approached

Abernant and brought them in to the district,

---- Daniel Griffin and Gary Johnson answered that is on the agenda but not at the top because we got to have the money to pay the Lawyers to draw the papers up to do so. We got to correct our issues in our district before we bring in any more districts or partial districts.

Gary Johnson announced his running for the seats that are coming up for renewal 30 days out.

Steve Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 21:02 hours.

Second by Mike Fisher

Meeting adjourned at 21:02 hours