

Sheridan Fire District Meeting Minutes

03/07/2024

The Sheridan Fire Protection District Trustees met on Thursday, March 7th, 2024 with the following present: Chief Tirevold, Debra Augsborg, Paul Brennan, Eric Wormley, Attorney Rich Burton. Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Augsborg. Eric Wormley was introduced as a new Trustee for the District. Current board welcomed Eric on as trustee. Attorney Burton has filed paperwork with the County. The minutes of the January meeting was read and approved with no additions or corrections. Brennan motioned to accept the minutes, Wormley 2nd the motion. There were no February minutes to be approved. Bills for January and February were presented. Chief discussed all bills. Brennan motioned to pay all bills, Wormley 2nd the motion. Treasurers report was presented. Wormley motioned to accept report, Brennan 2nd the motion.

Tony Evans was present from Horton Insurance to discuss the district's current insurance coverage along with a couple of options. After discussion, the district will stay with current coverage. Tony to get everything finalized and send to Chief.

The Chief stated the district responded to 30 ambulances and 4 fire calls in February. The district is already running ahead of last year's total. Safety Report-online hazmat training is being done.

Old Business—DNR grant check had been received, no word on the Small Equipment grant yet. Chief Tirevold & AC Cook, met with AEC on 2/29 to finalize the new Engine Specs with a couple of changes. Once all paperwork is finalized and signed, Chief will contact Springfield to get the ball rolling on the loan for the truck. New ambulance to be done February—April 2025.

Serena Contract was presented and discussed. After discussion Brennan motioned to adopt the 5-year Serena Contract for Ambulance Coverage, Wormley 2nd the motion. Chief to get paperwork to Serena for signatures. Chief stated Serena was suppose to approve it at March meeting also. Chief Tirevold and AC Cook attended last months Serena Board meeting to explain and discuss contract.

Public Aid/GEMT have raised reimbursement rates, so the Chief raised base rates for ambulance calls to make sure the district gets full amount of reimbursement.

Radio for the dayroom will be installed soon. The water softener is leaking, parts have been ordered b JW Well from Newark.

Chief applied for a new Brush/Utility Truck on the FEMA Grant, sent in application today for \$300,000.00. Districts portion will be just under \$15,000 if this grant is received. Should hear any where from April to September 2024. Work Comp Payroll Audit was discussed, due to increased payroll, the premium was increased by \$6777.00. The annual premium will be increased from here on out. Grant request was put in for a new shed on a concrete slab and redoing the parking lot through NCICG. These projects will not be done unless we get the grant.

Chief stated we have 4 new applicants; all have worked at Sheridan before. New department t shirts were ordered and received. The district has received \$17,285.00 on the CARES grant, Chief to get paperwork filed and see what it has to be spent on by the end of March. Trustees need to get annual training done on Sexual Harassment and OMA Training along with staff.

Chief Tirevold present preliminary figures on the FY 24-25 Budget and Appropriation. Chief explained the increase on a lot of Line items, purchases in the future, vehicle acquisitions. Discussion held on investing reserve funds on current balances and taking a loan on new ambulance when the time comes next year.

Chief Tirevold and Attorney Burton to meet within the next couple weeks to fine tune the budget for the April meeting. This will be voted on at the May meeting after EOY balances are finalized.

Discussion held on updating the bank signature card at Sheridan Bank. Brennan motioned to update the signature card with current trustees' names, Wormley 2nd the motion. Chief to get all information and get it back to the bank

Being no other business, Brennan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Wormley 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively

Debra Augsburg, President