

Regular meeting of the West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:04 pm on February 9, 2023.

Board members present: Frank Magee, Brooke Lincoln, Scotty Norman, Richard Medley, John Carpenter

Department members present: Donna Richter, Randy Friley, Michelle Lower

Public present: Amy English

Minutes were read. Motion to accept made by Richard, seconded by Brooke, motion carried.

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by John, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

Chief's report: Payments to people flagging on wrecks cannot roll through the fire department. We must figure out a way for the tow companies to directly pay the flaggers in their employ. Frank will try to set up a meeting with all the tow companies and the fire chiefs to discuss this. Regardless, every volunteer should be DOT Flagger certified. We need to consult with our insurance agent about how people are covered as they transfer from volunteer to employee. We should also schedule a review of our insurance in general. AFG grant: We have applied for \$311,963.00 jointly with St. Regis for radios and mobile repeaters.

Old Business: Trustee election: We don't know who/how many people applied. We ran an ad in the paper announcing the vacancies and put it at the post office. Fan for fire department: We need to consult with an electrician. FEMA payments: We are caught up but have only used 26% of the money halfway through the time frame. Frank will find out when the next Firefighter 1/2 training session is. Perhaps there are online courses or through our insurance company trainings that can apply.

New Business: Concern about our volunteers getting "burnt out" because they may spend too much time "working" as a flagger. On the other hand, perhaps this income is an incentive to join the department.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried at 8:01 pm

Next meeting March 9, 2023.