

Regular meeting of the West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02 pm on February 15, 2024.

Board members present: Frank Magee, John Carpenter, Brooke Lincoln, Michelle Cummins, Richard Medley

Department members present: Anthony Lower

Public present: none

Minutes were read. Motion to accept as read made by Richard, seconded by John, carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion to accept as presented made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

Chief's report: EF Recovery claim backlog has been caught up. Crash truck: Brakes are being replaced.

Old Business: and installation is \$7395.56. \$5122.50 for repeaters and up to \$2000.00 for installation has already been approved. Brooke made a motion to purchase a radio for the command truck for \$773.36, seconded by Richard, carried. Saltese insurance claim: Total reimbursement is \$16319.05 after discovering the Jaws of Life pump was missing, worth approximately \$14,000.00. We can spend the reimbursement on anything we need and have spent about \$1000.00 replacing the truck batteries and security system. Frank suggested we purchase battery-operated Jaws and will do some more research. Grants: Michelle working on a FEMA radio grant. Our SAFER grant is over at the end of this year. We will apply for both unless Michelle recommends differently after reviewing her class notes. Letter to Sheriff Ryan Funke: Add a sentence that we should not be responsible for any costs associated with returning us to a functional level. Brooke will revise and get it to Frank, all board members will sign and Frank will deliver. Frank will inquire if there is any insurance to cover our "loss of use."

New Business: Engine 2 maintenance: Brakes adjusted, oil change, general maintenance completed for about \$1800.00. Command truck maintenance: Check engine light keeps coming on. It is currently in the shop. Getting new tires. 20 foot Connex box: Maybe get one and use for storage of old uniforms, etc. or go through it and get a dumpster and start cleaning house. Brooke and Frank will get together and make a move. DNRC grant: Money needs to be spent. We pre-spend \$4772.00, \$4272.00 will be reimbursed. Brooke's position is up for reelection. She will file again and we will need to advertise again. Brooke will update our login, passcode, etc list and pass it around for confirmation so we are up to date and have it all in one place. Frank is the only one monitoring movement on both of our security systems. EMT trainee status: She should be done with classes in April.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried at 8:33 pm.

Next meeting March 14, 2024.