

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order on January 19, 2023 at 7:15 pm.

Board members present: Scotty Norman, John Carpenter, Richard Medley, Brooke Lincoln. Frank was called out, returned before meeting end.

Fire dept. present: Michelle Lower, Donna Richter & Anthony Lower arrived later.

Public present: none

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

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

Chief's report: FEMA payouts: We are caught up through November. Quarterly report needs to be filed before more submissions can be made. Invoices are submitted for SCBA's and turnouts.

Old Business: Washing machine: 40 lb. machine will best suit our needs. Do not put turnouts in a dryer, need to build a drying closet. Two more options were presented: Option 1: \$13,580.00 for installation & freight. Must be bolted to the floor and call them for service. Option 2: \$7495.00. Does not need to be bolted down. We would do install. Service is done remotely via phone and they send component parts that we install. Decision tabled. Lifeflight: We are enrolled and information should be coming to each individual. DNRC grant: One radio and thirty batteries can be funded. Frank is filling out another grant application for Bendix King radios. Ambulance service is using a vendor from Deer Lodge versus going through Stine. Engine 2 repair will be done in the spring because the whole thing needs to be drained.

New Business: Narcan: We don't want to deal with it because of the theft potential. Ambulance does not carry it because of the danger posed by potentially violent patients. Board member positions: We have three positions expiring in 2023 (Brooke, John, & Scotty). Scotty will not be running again. Need to extend Brooke or John's term to 2024 to get the election "stagger" back in sync. A coin toss determined a motion to move Brooke's term out one year made by Scotty, seconded by John, carried. Scotty will get a notice put in the paper for two positions up for election. Frank will advertise in the shadowbox. Website: It is ready to go. Richard will post what he has. 8' Fan: Frank proposed to put a large fan in the rafters of the fire hall to push the heat down. He will look for pricing quotes.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by Scotty at 8:12 pm, carried.\

Next meeting February 9, 2023.