

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order on June 8, 2023 at 7:01 pm.

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

Fire Department present: Anthony Lower, Misty Roberts

Public present: Amy English, Chloe Cilkye

Minutes were read. Add Anthony Lower and Damien Belzak as present for fire department. Motion to approve as corrected made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

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

Chief's report: FF1 is completed. FF2 still have one more module to complete. Probably next month. Hazwoper training final day is tomorrow.

Old Business: Planned burn went well. Saltese large reel sale: Still pending. Michelle presented an equipment list for the insurance audit. Need to go through and make sure it is current. Frank will arrange for insurance agent to meet with us and go over the policy. Need to make sure our main building is insured for its true replacement value. Further, talk to our agent about trustee indemnity. Should we insure the old fire hall in Saltese? Perhaps we should consider selling that particular building. Frank will talk to cell tower company to find out their status. Wildland fire truck #7: Paperwork has been submitted to DNRC. Waiting for their approval. Frank has requested we be kept local and not sent out of state. Brooke suggested the department drag out all our hoses, fittings, etc as a training to inventory and rid ourselves of unusable equipment. Same goes with the old turnouts. Frank & John will look at the "General" and find the leak. Maybe go "shop" the DNRC surplus equipment lot and see what we can use. Updated QRU: Our consensus is we need a 4 wheel drive.

New Business: First responder grant training classes: Online or in-person in Ohio. Michelle is willing to go in person. Cost is \$499.00 and she is willing pay for half. She would go October 13, return October 16, Lake Township, Ohio. Frank will talk to Jerry Dockter to see if he will assume half the expense since we got the SCBA grant for both departments. Motion made by John to pay for Michelle to attend the course, seconded by Richard, carried. EMT classes: Misty Roberts has signed up for online course. Cost is \$300.00 plus the cost of books, thinking \$650.00. Brooke made a motion to pay \$300.00 plus the cost of books for Misty Roberts to register for the class and we ask her to sign a contract on the condition she stay with the department for 6 months. If she does not, she will reimburse the department all expenses. Seconded by Richard, carried. We finally received the recorded deed for the fire department land in Saltese from the DOT.

Public comment: Amy English asked if our equipment is DOT approved. Yes, it is. Further concern about our volunteers going out with the wildland fire truck. Answer: Our volunteers and we need to be kept local.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried at 8:02 pm.

Next meeting July 13, 2023.