

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01 pm on November 17, 2022.

Board members present: Brooke Lincoln, Scotty Norman, Frank Magee, John Carpenter, Richard Medley
Department members present: Donna Richter, Bill Mitchell
Public present: None

Minutes were read. Correction made to reflect Mark Parker present. Motion to approve as corrected made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

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

Chief's report: Ef Recovery: Bill is making a diligent effort to determine what, if any, of the backlog can be sent in for collection. Scotty will notify Bill when payment receipts are received. Part of our paid contract with EF Recovery is that they will gather police reports. They are asking Bill to gather them. Frank will check with them. If we are getting the reports, they are not living up to their end of the contract.

Old Business: We had close to 50 people show up for the chili cook-off. Community had a good time. Energy Partners: Contract is signed and change has taken place. House burn: Successful training with no mishaps. Turnout grant: Once gear comes in, we submit the bill to FEMA, FEMA pays the supplier. SCBA's will be here first week of January. May be six months before turnouts get here. Meet & greet new sheriff elect: Frank will talk with Ryan and see what we can put together. Maybe combine with Happy Homemakers and Community Watch for a community forum.

New Business: Engine 2 needs drain valve on tank replaced. Truck is still operable. We have the parts. Perhaps take it into Superior for work? Radios still not programmed properly after last time Stine was here and billed us \$1168.00. West is keying off central, central keying off east, east goes nowhere, possibly mislabeled. Don't have west at all. Stine needs to make this right. There are other suppliers, Frank will check into them while he is shopping for new radios. DNRC grant is available again: We need to spend \$4200 up front and we get reimbursed all but 10%. Fire department wants to burn two big slash piles by John Carpenter's house. Need to check proximity to power lines. Lifeflight insurance: \$65/year/household. Motion made by Richard to purchase Lifeflight Insurance for all current volunteers of the Department and Trustees. Future volunteers must be on the Department for six months to qualify. Seconded by Scotty, carried. Frank will talk to each individual to determine if they want the coverage. Old SCBA's need to be given away or disposed of.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried at 8:31 pm.

Next meeting December 8, 2022.