

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 pm on June 9, 2022.

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

Minutes were read. Motion to approve made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion to accept made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.
Department members need to be reminded that receipts for reimbursement must be presented in a timely fashion.

Robert Bertagna suggested that the Board entertain a future project of housing the post office at the fire department. There is the perpetual threat that we could lose the local post office if the landowner does not renew his lease. Rent monies would be provided. There is federal funding to expand the fire department building with a 1/3 match. Further discussion will be put on future agenda.

Chief's report: Chief not present.

Board positions and appointments: Discussion was had regarding betterment of the Board relations with the Department, and vice-versa. Donna said she is willing to take a Board report to the Department at their meetings. Department members need to know that Board meetings are open and anyone can attend, ask questions, make suggestions, and get information. We need to create a new four-year project plan but need to get input from the Department first. Motion to retain officers in their current positions (Frank: Chairman, Scotty: Treasurer, Brooke: Secretary) made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Scotty got our recruitment banner made. It will be hung on the corner fence. If we want more, they are \$150.00 each. Electric bill for small building in Saltese has skyrocketed.

Mutual Aid Agreement with Mullan: Donna will take it to the Department for their review and suggestions. Brooke made a motion that we accept the Mutual Aid agreement and present it to Mullan, seconded by Scotty, carried. Brooke will send it to Mullan for their review.

Richard suggested we create a web page for the Department with basic information and announcements. We need to replace the office computer. It is obsolete. Laptops need to be updated. Richard will look into updating all our technology.

Brooke suggested we convert the land line at the fire hall to a cell phone so we have app capability, such as access to the security system. Perhaps add this to the technology update.

Brooke suggested putting a reader board on the outside of the fire hall. Need community input before doing such. Weather needs to be considered.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by Scotty, carried at 8:38 pm. Next meeting is July 14, 2022.