

## Colfax Greenwood Fire Board Meeting

February 14 2022

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 p.m. by M. Proffer, pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board Present: Marilyn Proffer, Ruth Reddy, Shelly Bigelow, Wes Westbrook.

Board Absent: None

Public Present: Jason Nelson, Kaylee Nelson, Mike Mix, Ken Cowley.

Public Comment: Colfax Township Supervisor Mike Mix expressed interest in installing a sidewalk on the side of the Colfax township building. He was unsure of the property line between the fire barn and the township building. He asked if the board would be opposed to the possibility of the sidewalk crossing that property line. He also noted the J channel around the fire barn door was in disrepair and would the fireboard be opposed to the township paying to fix it. He brought up a conflict that fireboard member Nancy Wood had in attending the March board of review due to the fire board meeting on the same day. Jason Nelson would like to see the parking lot paved but it was acknowledged the Fire Department does not have funds to do so. S Bigelow thought Jason could continue his bid/contractor search.

Motion: to change March 14<sup>th</sup> Fireboard meeting to March 7<sup>th</sup> by S. Bigelow, seconded and passed.

Motion: to approve minutes from January with correction regarding-The Fire Department received two checks..by N. Wood, seconded and passed.

Motion: to pay bills as presented by S. Bigelow, seconded and passed.

February Treasurer's report to be placed on file for audit.

Fire Chief's Report: Jason reported the inventory of firefighter's personal and apparatus was complete. The information is being put on an Excel spreadsheet. The Rescue boat is operational but not completely outfitted.

Old Business: S. Bigelow reported no competing bids for our commercial policy and we were getting a great rate from Peterson McGregor.

Motion: to enter Article 3 section c language in bylaws: rescheduling 1) Meetings unable to take place due to lack of quorum, as defined in Article 4 sec A, will move to the following Monday. Motion by W. Westbrook, seconded and passed.

The Generac generator placed outside the fire barn has yet to be hooked up. Repeated calls to Dave Shively of 3D Electric have produced no results in completion. We will try to track him down regarding the situation.

Fire Department Millage was discussed. Topics included:

- Prior ballot language and revenue generated.
- Dedicated millage, covering specific items, or blanket millage.
- Amount of funds generated by 1mil and rollbacks vs cost of running fire department.
- When ballot language would need to be submitted for November 2022 election.

The Recovery Ordinance was discussed. Topics included:

- exemptions to the ordinance (residents, mutual aide, false alarms)
- Charged services (illegal burns, water rescue, power line issues, vehicle accidents, EMS assists, any other)
- Amending current Recovery ordinance vs. writing new ordinance.
- Charges for services (what are our costs for certain runs)
- Billing services- lower fee shared by both townships.
- Legal services to review and draft language.

Table Ordinance discussion until April meeting due to budget meeting agenda

New Business: I Am Responding subscription will be renewed for 1 year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Sincerely,

Ruth Reddy Secretary C&G FD