

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Shelly Bigelow, Jeanne Housler, Chief Jason Nelson, Wes Westbrook, Marilyn Proffer, Nancy Wood

We were pleased to have Alex Tidey present as he continues to recover from facial burns suffered in response to a recent fire. It will be some time before he is able to work again. Others present were Rachel Tidey, Mike Mix, Sandy and Jay Roundhouse, Mike Guernsey, Al Mohler and wife, Bruce Jewett, Tina and Kevin Tidey, Kaylee Nelson, Roger Mier and Justin Runyon.

S. Bigelow reports we do not have December minutes on hand to approve due to events beyond the control of N. Wood and herself. They will be presented at the February meeting. Nancy will be unable to prepare minutes for the time being; Jeanne will prepare them this month.

Members of the Northwest Wexford Emergency Authority were introduced. Mike Guernsey, Bruce Jewett and Justin Runyan were invited by Al Mohler to present the changes and progress made since the Authority (made up from four townships) took charge of the Mesick Rescue Squad. They answered a number of questions posed by the board.

We have applied for a \$10,000 DNR grant. This will be discussed at our budget meeting in March as we have to put up half of it in order to receive it.

Shelly reviewed our Commercial Insurance Renewal proposal presented by Peterson McGregor & Assoc., Inc. The total premium comes to \$8,938.00, which includes \$801.00 premium for Cyber Liability. Several members commented that it seems too high a cost, so that part was declined, leaving the premium at \$8,137.00. Shelly will investigate Lifelock for our Board laptops and find out if it is possible or less expensive. Marilyn moved we renew the policy and pay the premium due without Cyber Liability. Motion seconded and carried.

We are still awaiting information from Spectrum internet services.

Roger Mier reported he has had his physical.

A motion was made and seconded to allow S. Bigelow to purchase three flashdrives to assist in Al Mohler's billing work. Motion carried.

The Treasure's report was presented, reviewed, and filed for audit. Marilyn moved and Nancy seconded that we add \$1,000.00 from our reserves to the maintenance and repair budget line. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that we approve the bills to be paid including our Wexfuel bill when it arrives and the insurance premium of \$8,137.00, as it has a Feb. 1 due date. Motion carried.

The Firechief's December report was presented. The * by someone's name indicates they will be paid by a different agency, but their response is recorded. Chief Nelson needs to purchase supplies: foam for fire trucks, chinstrap, gloves and paper for printouts. Shelly moved and Wes seconded we approve; motion carried. Chief Nelson requested approval to place the order for gear replacement for Alex Tidey as it will take quite awhile to get it. Shelly is in the process of making an insurance claim for it. It will be

covered by insurance, so he is authorized to order it. Chief Nelson asks if we can revisit our "no tolerance" policy for drug testing for cannabis. Can we offer someone a second chance to retest after 90 days? There was discussion among the board members and the public, but no decision was made.

Al Mohler requests paper, envelopes, stamps and miscellaneous supplies to prepare and send out billings. We agreed to reimburse his expenses upon presentation of receipts.

Wes moved and Nancy seconded to adjourn at 8:08. Motion carried.

Respectfully, Jeanne Housler