

Morris VFD 5/15/2017 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Monday 5/15/2017 by K. DeRoehn. The pledge of allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

Voting members in attendance: J. Skilton, A. Cast, Ken Cast, K. DeRoehn, M. DeRoehn, V. Aiello, D. Teddick, M. Silver, B. Duffy, T. Duffy, A. LeCuyer, J. Ablamsky.

Non-Voting members in attendance: None.

Juniors: None.

Guests: Friends of Morris.

12 voting members, 0 non-voting members, 0 juniors.

Secretary's report

Motion by J. Skilton to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion seconded by A. LeCuyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report

Report for the month of April made by A. Cast. Passed around to members.

Motion made by A. LeCuyer to accept the treasurer's report for the month of April, 2017.

Motion seconded by J. Ablamsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by V. Aiello to pay the bills. Motion seconded by A. LeCuyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief's report

Email received from Chiefs re: Dive Team needs recognition as its own entity. Letter written and sent by J. Skilton, Chief.

Equipment Committee will be having a meeting soon. Letter written and will be delivered by J. Skilton to the Equipment Committee prior to their scheduled meeting.

Northwest Alarm discussion.

Architectural bid went out re: necessary improvements to the Fire Department.

Driver time forms updated. Start filling them out.

Deputy Chief's report

Drill cancelled due to lack of funding.

Last week Thursday night was a drill night to help Auxiliary with tag sale set up. Work night is this Thursday. Next scheduled drill a week after that. Some funds left in training fund; any ideas present them to K. Cast.

Captain's report

Engine 5: all service complete.

All other trucks need to be worked on. Purchase orders submitted to the First Selectman; waiting for Purchase Order approval from the First Selectman for work to be done on the remaining trucks and equipment.

Air packs: Purchase orders submitted to the First Selectman; waiting for Purchase Order approval from the First Selectman.

Hose testing scheduled for tomorrow.

Lieutenant's report

B. Duffy: Air boat needs a radio. FD had a difficult time with the recent rescue due to the lack of communication. Discussion.

L. Duffy: No report. Not present.

P. Turner: No report. Not present.

EMS Coordinator's report

K. DeRoehn: No report.

Committee reports

Chaplain Committee:

No report.

Executive Committee

Met to discuss ambulance. Discussion followed.

House Committee

Cleanup took place recently. More cleaning necessary on the next scheduled work night, including hanging of the flags. Members encouraged to attend.

Door fixed.

Membership and Nominating

New application submitted. Jordana will do back ground check. Will discuss at next meeting.

Woman's Auxiliary:

Thank you to all for the tag sale help. Deemed a success. High attendance.

June 1 first donation day for the Soroptimists. Looking for some assistance on that night to move the remaining tag sale items to their designated storage barns at the Bethlehem Fair Grounds.

Last meeting for the year will be held June 6 at the Painted Pony.

Audit Committee

No report.

By-Laws Committee

No report.

Fire Prevention and Publicity

Rod and Gun Club on Benton Road approached department on bringing a truck on Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. to their event.

Motion by J. Skilton that the fire department bring a truck for the Rod and Gun Club event being held to benefit kids with special needs on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Motion seconded by V. Aiello. Motion carried unanimously.

PTO auctioned off fire truck ride and the rental of the Fire Department for a Birthday party.

Charity

No report.

Fundraising

Ball discussion.

Motion made by A. LeCuyer that we do not hold the Fireman's Ball this year. Motion seconded by M. DeRoehn. Motion carried unanimously.

75th anniversary picnic discussion. Motion made by J. Skilton that the department hold off on the 75th anniversary picnic. Motion seconded by A. LeCuyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Uniforms and Parade Committee

Memorial Day parade discussion. Need to be at the East Morris Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. and at the Lakeside Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Grave markers will be done on the Thursday night before. Parade thereafter. Step off is 12:15.

Members encouraged to attend to show support to our Veterans.

Education committee

No report.

Junior Committee:

No report.

Old Business

Vin Tec invoice received. Discussion.

Motion by J. Skilton that the Morris Volunteer Fire Department, contingent on the advice of counsel, pay the past due invoice that covers the period of February, 2017 through March, 2017 to Vin Tec. Motion seconded by A. Cast. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Friends of Morris attended the meeting this evening in order to donate three oxygen masks for dogs to the FD. Members were very appreciative.

Next month is the annual meeting and elections. Discussion. Motion made by A. LeCuyer that K. DeRoehn be permitted to run for President for a 3rd year. Motion seconded by M. Silver. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. DeRoehn that V. Aiello be permitted to run for Vice President again. Motion seconded by J. Skilton. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Cast that, contingent on attorney approval, the department postpone all officer elections until a later date due to our current situation. Motion seconded by A. LeCuyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by A. LeCuyer. Motion seconded by M. Silver. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.