

## **Leicester Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 5, 2024**

**Regular Session**

Attendees Included:

President: Steven Marlowe

Vice President: Ken Baily

Secretary: Chris Coon

Interim Chief: Sonya Griffen

Members at Large: Joan Creasman, Karla Reed, and Steve Burnette

Guests Included:

Roger Banks, Jason Griffen, Ronald Prestwood, Marty Rice, Cade Parkins, Sean Donali, Luke Williamson, Grady Smith, Veronigue Smith, Zachary St Germain, Ken Shields, Michael Henderson, Konrad Fuhri

### **Call to order**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Leicester Volunteer Fire Department was held February 5, 2024 at the main station on Alexander Road. President Steven Marlowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Meeting was opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Secretary Report**

Secretary report was given. Karla Reed made the motion to accept the secretary report and was seconded by Joan Creasman. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Joan Creasman made a motion to table the treasurer report in the absence of the treasurer pending the Saturday (February 10, 2024) meeting with Andrea. Ken Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Old Business

1. Need to get a dumpster to the Newfound station. Everything else has been completed.
2. Station 3: The painting has been completed, the flooring has been installed, and crews are back in the station and in-service.
3. Station 2's gear lockers have arrived and are at station 2.
4. Hose bed covers have been installed.
5. UTV manufacturers warranty has been purchased and extended another 48 months. Current warranty is covering the issues we are having.
6. The last brush truck has arrived and has been outfitted and is now in-service.
7. The 1<sup>st</sup> truck will be in 1 to 1 ½ months.
8. 1 pumper is 60% completed (roughly 3 months), and not sure on the second one.

## New Business

1. Send 4 people to the SAFER conference August 6-10. Hotel cost will be \$2,822.43 for 2 rooms for the 4 days.
- ~~2.~~ 2. Joan Creasman made a motion to Allocate the \$2,822.43 for the hotel, plus the registration fee for the conference, out of line item #72. Ken Bailey seconded the motion and it passed.
3. We are looking at Professional Health Services, and going into it with French Broad for the physicals. Estimation of \$15,000 dollars would be our part to pay. That is based on being fully staffed.
4. Joan Creasman made the motion to approve joining with French Broad to get the physicals from Professional Health Services for roughly \$15,000. Karla Reed seconded the motion and it passed.
5. Sandy Mush plot paperwork has been put in with the county.
6. We switched insurance providers from United Healthcare to Blue Cross Blue Shield.
  - UHC plan has a \$1,500 annual deductible, BCBS plan has the same deductible
  - UHC plan has a \$8,000 annual out of pocket maximum, BCBS out of pocket maximum is \$6,000
  - UHC plan primary/specialist copays are \$25/\$50, BCBS primary/specialist \$35/\$70
  - UHC urgent care \$75 copay, BCBS urgent care copay is \$70
  - UHC ER benefit deductible and pay \$20%, BCBS flat \$500 copay.
  - UHC Rx copays \$10/\$40/\$125/\$300, BCBS \$8/\$25/\$60/\$100/75%-with a max of \$200 per Rx.

- The BCBS plan is about \$9,842 less per year in premium.

Moved to Closed session at 8:16 pm

At 11:13 pm Joan Creasman made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ken Bailey.  
Motion passed.