

Leicester Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors Meeting

July 29, 2024

Regular Session

Attendees Included:

President: Steven Marlowe

Vice President: Ken Baily

Secretary: Chris Coon

Treasurer: Brent Kendall

Chief: Gary Moore

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

Call to order

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Leicester Volunteer Fire Department was held July 29, 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.

A representative from the county came out to speak about a solar panel system. The potential savings to the department by installing the solar panel system could be roughly \$220,000 over the life of the system (30 yrs.). The panels themselves have a 25 year warranty and the inverters have a 15 year warranty.

Secretary Report

Secretary report was given. Joan Creasman makes a motion to accept the secretary report with the changes. Karla Reed seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Treasurers report was given by Brent Kendall. Ken Bailey makes a motion to accept the treasurers report. Chris Coon seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Old tanker sold to Spring Creek for \$11,000 on July 18, 2024.
2. Currently gathering pricing for the remodel at Sandy Mush.
3. Still have one full time firefighter position open.
4. New HVAC installed at Sandy Mush and passed inspection July 29, 2024
5. Kendra Furgeson makes a motion to approve the engagement letter. Ken Bailey seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

1. An officers meeting was held on July 17, 2024 to discuss only purchasing one more new truck. All officers agreed that this is the best decision for the department at this time. Doing this allows the department to save \$75,000 on the down payment and \$35,905 in yearly payments. There will be a one time \$5,000 penalty for canceling the second truck. After spending \$55,000 for shelving and other equipment, our total savings should be \$50,905.
2. Joan Creasman made a motion to cancel the order on the 2nd Engine (3rd truck), identified with no dump chute, as long as the penalty does not exceed \$5,000. Karla Reed seconded. Motion passed.
3. Joan Creasman made a motion to spend \$56,000 to upgrade the 2nd truck which includes the shelving and mounts. Ken Bailey seconded. Motion passed.
4. Hickox Group looked at Sandy Mush on July 26, 2024. They will design a blueprint of the remodel for \$4,800. They allow 2 changes for free. If we end up using them for the remodel they will take half of the blue print cost off on the final bill. The blue prints are ours to keep regardless if we use them for the remodel or not. All of their blueprints can be signed off by the engineer. Per the Fire Marshall it will require a sprinkler system or 3-hr fire wall.
5. Chief Gary Moore met with Dan Gilbert, our VFIS insurance agent, last week. The main station is over insured by over 1 million dollars. He is looking to correct it which should help to lower our premium.
6. VFIS requires dual check signatures on their fraud policy.
7. The main station is getting struck by lightning repeatedly. This is causing the base station radio to blow internal parts related to the speaker. Two radios are gone for repair. Working on a solution to this problem.

Moved to Closed session at 10:09 pm

At 11:00 pm Joan Creasman made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Steven Marlowe. Motion passed.
