

Leicester Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors Meeting

October 28, 2024

Regular Session

Attendees Included:

President: Steven Marlowe

Vice President: Ken Baily

Secretary: Chris Coon

Treasurer: Kendra Ferguson

Chief: Gary Moore

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

Call to order

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Leicester Volunteer Fire Department was held October 28, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Report

The Secretary report was given. Joan Creasman makes a motion to accept the secretary's report. Kendra Ferguson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Kendra Ferguson.

Kendra Ferguson made a motion to make the board President Steven Marlowe, Secretary Chris Coon, Treasurer Kendra Ferguson, and the Fire Chief Gary Moore to be the check signers on all accounts. Joan Creasman seconded. Motion passed.

Joan Creasman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Gary Moore seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Sandymush - RYSE Construction suggested a \$500,000 - \$550,000 budget for the remodel, not to include appliances and furniture. They suggested reserving an additional 5% for unforeseen expenses.
2. Hired 2 new full time employees and one part time. All will start in November.
3. Kendra completed the payroll audit. New pay scale needed to actually bring starting pay up to \$15.00 per hour will add about \$126,000 to payroll.
4. Information was sent to Keith Bost about the truck contracts. That information was forwarded to everyone. CW Williams claims they have \$78,000 invested in the truck that we no longer want and they are not budging on the price. They have been asked for documentation and have yet to produce any.

New Business

1. We provided manpower to Garren Creek, Swannanoa, Riceville, and Fairview for the storm. Equipment damaged was radios, pagers, rope gear, two vehicles struck mirrors, Sandymush generator, and some appliances at Newfound. Everything has been filed through VFIS and some checks are already in the mail. We are working with the county to file FEMA paperwork.
2. The phone system is needing to be updated. The cost would be \$916.20 initially then \$168.87 a month. We are currently paying \$180.64 a month.
3. Joan Creasman made a motion to authorize \$916.20 to upgrade the phone system in all 3 stations. Kendra Ferguson seconded. Motion passed.
4. Six Pig BBQ will do the catering for the Christmas party for \$1,040. This is not including cups, plates, silverware, drinks, and dessert.
5. Joan Creasman made a motion to authorize Six Pigs BBQ on December 13th at 7:00 pm to include the entire meal. Kendra Ferguson seconded. Motion passed.

Moved to Closed session at 8:25 pm