

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District
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September 3, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District Board:

Present:

Chris Zaremba, President
Bruce Mathes, Treasurer
Randy Nash, Secretary

Also present:

Chip Wilmot, Fire Chief
Chad Dawson, Asst. Chief
Ed Madden, Asst. Chief
Lonnie Beckwith, Asst. Chief
Victor Garza, Captain

President Chris Zaremba called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bruce Mathes to approve the minutes from August 6, 2013. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #1.**

Chief's Report

Chief Chip Wilmot gave his report and the run report for the month. Chief Wilmot stated there was nothing to report on personnel related and the only new equipment purchased was one set of turn out gear.

The September training will be on pump operations, which will also include hydrant, drafting, hoses, nozzles and appliances. The Knox box has not been installed until a decision is made on the back up ambulance so as to not incur programming expenses two times.

The planning continues for the annual 5K Run and Halloween costume contest and we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the fire department on October 26th.

Committee Reports

Asst. Chief Ed Madden talked to CEFCU and they have a dry sprinkler system so there are no smoke detectors but two heat detectors in the new building with a monitoring system.

Ed asked if the department is a member of the Illinois Firefighters Association since there is a firefighting school in October where the fees will be less if we are. The board didn't think the department was a member.

Training-Asst Chief Chad Dawson reported the September EMS training will be on burns. Chad informed the board he will be attending a St. Francis mandatory training officers meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a reserve ambulance.

Chief Wilmot stated he along with Randy Wolfe and Ed Madden went to Sterling, Illinois to look at a used ambulance. Chip discussed the condition of the ambulance and recommends purchasing it as the back up ambulance. He noted the ambulance needs some repair work which is estimated around \$5,000 but what they are asking seems like a reasonable price. The Sterling Department is reducing the asking amount by \$2,000 to go towards the repairs. The board discussed the pros and cons.

A motion was made by Bruce Mathes to purchase the reserve ambulance for \$15,500 plus approximately \$1,250 for the cot. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #2.**

Discussion and possible action regarding building lighting grant

Chip Wilmot explained there are two options with the lighting grant that are available. They can either replace the light fixtures or use the case and put a reflector in it with motion detectors. Chip Wilmot stated he doesn't see a reason to replace the fixtures.

A motion was made by Randy Nash to have them retrofit the lights in the cases and attach the reflectors, which is option #2. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mathes. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #3.**

Chip Wilmot will get a certificate of insurance from the contractor.

Discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget

Bruce Mathes reported he had met with Chip Wilmot and Attorney Brady about some of the budget numbers and having the ordinance and publication ready for the public hearing. No action is to be taken tonight.

Discussion and possible action regarding regarding employee compensation

Bruce Mathes indicated the need to evaluate the time and compensation being paid for some of the positions in the fire department. He noted it is hard to compare to other communities but these guys are spending a lot of time at the fire department. He recommended looking at the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief positions first. Chris Zaremba noted these positions do not get any call pay like everyone else and is not sure this is fair. Chris Zaremba recommended adding the call pays to the Fire Chief and Assistant Chiefs first and then evaluate if the base pay is appropriate.

A motion was made by Chris Zaremba to approve paying the officers C1-C4 for all calls the per call rate retro to the first of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mathes. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #4.**

The policy will need to be modified to include the call pay for the officers.

Reorganization of Germantown Fire Protection District Board following the appointment by the Woodford County Board of Randy Nash to fill the seat vacated by Wayne Cox.

A motion was made Chris Zaremba to approve Randy Nash as Secretary to fill Wayne Cox vacated seat. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mathes. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #5.**

A motion was made by Randy Nash to approve Bruce Mathes as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Chris Zaremba. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #6.**

A motion was made by Bruce Mathes to approve Chris Zaremba as President. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #7.**

Human Resources

None.

Treasurer Report

Bruce Mathes presented the treasurer's report and bills.

A motion was made by Chris Zaremba to accept the Treasurer Report and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mathes. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #8.**

Secretary Report

Chris Zaremba reported the minutes were posted on the website. The notice was published for the public hearing to be held on October 1st.

Communication

None

Annual Activities

None

Public Comment

None

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is October 1, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bruce Mathes to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #9.**

Ann Sasso
Administrative Clerk