

# North Bench Volunteer Fire District, Inc.

## Monthly Board Meeting

Date: June 12, 2017

### Minutes

**Present:** Lynda Fioravanti, Walt Kirby, Walt Burrow, Greg Mead, Mike Kralik, Len Pine, Marciavee Cossette, Gus Jackson, Jack Douglas (attorney)

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Lynda Fioravanti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. And led in the Pledge of Allegiance

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

Secretary Len Pine read minutes as taken at last meeting, and asked for help in filling the incomplete portions with the appropriate information. Walt Kirby moved to approve as corrected, 2/passed.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greg Mead presented his report, a copy of which will be included with the minutes. Received and filed. Walt Kirby moved to hand over the receivables to the NBVFD attorney for collection action if the initial efforts by the chief are unsuccessful after thirty days; if our attorney is unsuccessful after another thirty days, the current open account will be turned over to a collection agency. 2/passed.

#### Chief's Report

Chief Gus Jackson presented his report, a copy of which will be included in the minutes. Highlights included the intended purchase of reasonably priced PFDs for work near bodies of water; updated news on the simulcast system, especially the increased costs which included needed repairs; the new hospital channel. Honor Guard has begun. A. Barkley resignation after 10 years of service. One new firefighter in the application stage.

#### Old Business

1. Update on outreach activities to constituents. Progress has been made on the list; funds have been donated to help with the compressor. OPEN
2. Assign tasks for anniversary celebration July 15. Location will be Station 1, no extrication, water games, BBQ. 11:00-2:00. Personnel be here by 9 am

Marciavee is the primary coordinator.

Len will take care of advertising, rework flyer, contact paper and other news outlets, social media.

Ask constituency to bring desserts to share.

Len Pine moved that the President appoint a committee chaired by Marciavee Cossette to finalize plans, 2/passed. The President appointed Walt Burrow, Greg Mead, and Jack Douglas to join Marciavee Cossette on the committee. OPEN

#### New Business

1. Update of insurance policy with Pace-Kerby. Our agent is noting that updates and changes are necessary. Chief Jackson went through the list of suggested changes on both stations; potentially up the property deductible to \$1000 if savings are significant. Other options were discussed regarding coverage limits, additional coverages, and cost differences. Chief Jackson will contact the agent and get some hard numbers to distribute to board via email for final approval. OPEN

2. EMR decision. EMR class is scheduled for this fall. Can work through Boundary Ambulance to share their medical director. Should only result in some increase in insurance, but few other anticipated costs. Much of disposable equipment will be provided through the ambulance service. Consensus is to determine insurance costs prior to final decision. OPEN
3. Address immediate and future needs for personnel gear. Can find full sets for about \$2200 each. Chief Jackson is asking for two sets at present. Len Pine moved to reallocate \$5000 from the building & fire engine fund to purchase two sets of PPE. CLOSED
4. VFA grant was submitted. Applied for \$9918 for eleven Kenworth radios, including programming. Matching funds \$992 required of us. CLOSED
5. Letter from Kay Burdick regarding weed/grass management at Station 2. Various options were discussed; the County weed officer, Dave Wenk, will be consulted. Walt Burrow has a tractor and sprayer setup that can be utilized. Letter included with the minutes. CLOSED
6. New IDL MOU and contract. Len Pine moved to approve the MOU, 2/passed. A copy of both old and new MOUs are included with the minutes. CLOSED

#### **Public Forum**

Zane Dittman asked about progress on planning for the idea of a silent auction. Discussion followed. President Fioravanti asked Walt Burrow to create a list of possible businesses from which to solicit donations. He will bring the list to the next meeting.

7. Executive session. Len Pine moved to go into Executive Session, 2/passed. Visitors were dismissed at 9:10 p.m. The body came out of ES at 9:19; no report. CLOSED
8. Walt Kirby submitted a letter of resignation to the Board, effective immediately, citing an increase in other duties and the need to focus upon those. Walt has served the board for approximately twenty years. The Board expressed its thanks for Walt's many years of service. CLOSED

#### **Adjournment**

Mike Kralik moved to adjourn, 2/passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.