

Board of Commissioners
Rea Valley Fire Protection District
2018 12 03 Minutes

Chairman Brent Dove brought the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and welcomed the Ken Kenny as a member of the Board of Commissioners.

Secretary's Report

Review November BoC minutes distributed by email

Kelly Hurst made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Tim Beaver seconded the motion was passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Financial reports including monthly net worth, profit and loss and itemized spending for each of the RVFPD accounts were presented to the board for November 2018. Frank Sleeter made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Tim Beaver and approved unanimously

Chief's Report

Chief Hannah presented the activity report for November.

Old Business

Deputy Chief Kenny reported on the repairs that were made to all vehicle in the department. All equipment was in operational readiness.

Brent Dove stated that after consulting with Ballard & Company with regard to the discrepancy between the Quicken accounts and Arvest account, the procedure is to make a single correction in the Quicken bookkeeping account in the amount of \$741.87. And to make a note of board approval in the minutes. Tim Beaver made a motion to make the correction to the Quicken Main account. The motion was seconded by Frank Sleeter and passed unanimously.

Chief Hannah presented some information on the use of infrared cameras for firefighter safety and search and rescue. Thermal cameras can be used to detect how hot the fire is at a safe distance before proceeding. Certain fire fighting equipment can only withstand a certain level before they fail. This is critical to firefighter safety. It can also be used to determine the best method of ingress and egress from a fire. An unconscious victim can also be located in the dark or when visibility is reduced due to smoke.

Frank Sleeter made a motion to allow the fire chief to purchase a new FLIR camera for the department not to exceed \$1,700. Motion was seconded by and passed unanimously.

Chief Hannah stated that a 5500 watt gasoline generator could be purchased and mounted on Rescue 2 for approximately \$800.

Tim Beaver made a motion to approve the purchase of a generator for \$800 which was seconded by Brent Dove. The motion was approved unanimously.

Brent Dove submitted a report on the number of incidents responded to by our firefighters and the number of training exercises by our firefighters attended during the last 12 months. From this report a Brent Dove made a motion to reimburse the members of the department for fuel and transportation costs. The total amount required at the current rate of \$7.50 per activity was \$4,402.50. A discussion regarding the possibility of increasing the rate to \$8.00 issued. The increase would result in a total cost to the district of \$4,696.00 or \$293.50 more that current reimbursement.

Kelly Hurst made a motion to increase the rate of reimbursement to \$8.00 per activity. The motion was seconded by Frank Sleeter and approved unanimously.

New Business

Brent Dove made a motion to get an estimate for a mini split HVAC for the building addition to Station 1. Motion was seconded by and approve unanimously.

A discussion was started as to how to improve our public relations with the community of Rea Valley. It was felt that the district website was quite active but many people in our community just do not use the internet. A newsletter has been used in the past, but was abandoned due to cost and response rate. A local mailer with information and reference to the website would be beneficial. Brent Dove proposed supporting a community gathering rather than one for the fire department. This could be held in the spring as a social event with no cost involved. It was agree that more work in this area was needed.

Appeals

No appeals presented to board

Attendees

Board of Commissioners:

Brent Dove

Kelly Hurst

Tim Beaver

Frank Sleeter

Ken Kenny

Firefighters:

Chief David Hannah

Heather Sleeter

Guest:
None present