

ADDISON FIRE BOARD

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ADDISON FIRE & EMS

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September 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Addison Fire Board was called to order by Chairman Ray McGrath at 8:02 P.M. with a roll call vote; members present were: Ray McGrath, Dean Bowman, Bernie Pepper, Dan Wonders, Melvin Cure from Cement City and Chief Tim Shaw. Also present: Deputy Chief David Aungst.

A motion by Bowman and supported by Pepper to accept the August 17, 2009 minutes as presented. All Motion carried.

August 2009 Ambulance and Fire Financial Reports, including the purchase journal, check register, financial statements and bills were reviewed by the Board. We did have a late payment fee and finance charge on our UBT-Visa due to a timing with bill payments and a short window to pay. Gramm will contact UBT to try and get the fee waived as we have not been late in the past. We have a CD that matures this month and it will not be reinvested at this time. Also two more CDs will mature on October 4th. The cash flow will be reviewed to determine if those will be reinvested. There was a motion by Bowman and supported by Wonders to accept the financial reports as presented and approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.

August Accounts Receivable report will be mailed with the minutes.

Aungst presented the August Activity Report. There were a total of 96 incidents for the month. The calls included: 4 Addison, 2 Cement City, 20 Rollin, 2 Wheatland and 38 Woodstock. Station 1 had 28 calls; Station 3 had 28 calls and 40 calls where both Station 1 and 3 responded. There were 7 transfers for the month and 23 mutual aid calls.

The classes went well and now have internships going on. They must have 250 hours each. It takes about three years to be a Paramedic working on your own. The classes will be completed after their test in October. We will then be evaluated and when we receive the approval it will be good for three years.

Eric Dahlberg from United Bank and Trust will attend the October meeting to go over some possible investments and a revision to our investment policy.

Old Business

There is no change in the status with the Unemployment Insurance Agency.

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We need to have a drought test for the Insurance Service Office. Washtenaw Engineering does them at a cost of \$14,500 for three townships. We could do some things ourselves and lower the cost but only by \$800. Chief will do some price comparisons with another company. The goal is to get the fire rating lowered. We get credit with the ISO to have the drought test.

After researching the possibility of fire billing, we believe we can. MHR who bills for the ambulance calls will bill for fire also at a rate of \$20 per billing. The insurance company will be billed and residents may be asked to help in dealing with their insurance company. A written policy will be drafted for the October meeting.

The Chief and others from Somerset and Cambridge went to California to see the factory that makes the burn trailers. It was a good trip. The company has lowered the cost of the trailer by \$30,000. The cost of the trailer is now \$348,000. The grant was written for \$493,310 and AFD is responsible for matching \$49,400, which is already covered. The Chief is now hoping to raise an additional \$50,000 for the additional cost of the burn trailer and drive simulator and to cover expenses for the first year.

The new ambulance has a problem with the left side airbag. When it is sitting the left side droops. It is fine when the vehicle is started. The parts for it have been ordered and will be shipped here. Chief will look into getting a brush guard for the ambulance.

New Business

The Addison Firefighters Association needs to complete Form 990 by the end of the month to retain their 501(c) 3 status. It appears that the information needed for the 990 will not be provided in time. The AFDB would like out of the organization. The President and Treasurer of the AFDB are listed on the Board of the Firefighters Association, although neither have any involvement with the organization.

The Fire Department was at Artesian Wells on Labor Day and raised \$1,807.12 for MDA.

McGrath motioned to adjourn the meeting with support by Wonders. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Michelle L. Gramm, Secretary