

## EVART FIRE BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting called to order @ 4:02pm by Chairman Morgan.

**Roll Call: Members Present:** Brad Morgan – Orient Township, Gary Hammer – Evart Township, Bev Mills – Sylvan Township, Dan Elliott – City of Evart, Sherri Bancroft – Osceola Township.

**Guests Present:** Keith Smith, Dale Bailey, Travis Douglas, Steve Campbell, Angie Cushman, Shane Helmer.

Citizens Comments: None.

**MOTION BY HAMMER, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MILLS to amend and approve the agenda, adding number 5 to new business, Update from Sue Weingarten (Varnum) from Dan Elliott. MOTION PASSED.**

**Old Business:** Tower truck repairs are quoted, and Shane must let ISO know that the tower is out of service for 90-120 days. He did get a quote for a drop and run engine, and it is for \$34,732.84. Shane also gave a breakdown for each township to help support the repairs for the tower truck.

He also let the board know that there is a newer tower truck in Kansas for \$50,000, it is a 1998 and has less than 50,000 miles on it and it more updated and will help our ISO rating even more.

Discussion was held, and no decision was made at this time.

Shane gave an update on the QuickBooks and that Kelly LaLonde will be able to give an update soon, she is finishing up on a the last few things and requested some more information and should be able to come to the next meeting or following meeting for a final report.

Shane presented the board with the 2019-20 budget to take back to the townships for approval. It is now at the 1 mill. which is the max. Shane asked to take this to each township and to let the board know when we can have a Public Hearing set up.

**New Business:** Shane gave the board a proposal for a new Pumper/Tender for the department for the replacement for Engine 8 in 2020. Shane presented the board with a cost of replacement spec sheet for each of the township with a total cost of \$400,000.

Shane wants to have the townships aware of the upcoming budgets and the truck replacements that are in need. He has presented the board with the information needed and to be presented to each township.

Dan discussed with Sue Weingarten the status of her opinion on the future of the fire department, and the legislation. She had a lot of work cut out for her and she has a draft of what her findings are, and that will help us in deciding which direction the fire department will go. In February she should have the report finished and presented to the board.

Shane would like to apply for an education grant from the Osceola Community Foundation for \$10,000. He would like to put TV's and a smart board and more access to have classes and have better meetings provided here within the department.

**MOTION BY ELLIOTT, 2<sup>nd</sup> BY BANCROFT, for Shane to apply to the Osceola County Community Foundation for an Education Equipment Grant for \$10, 000. MOTION PASSED.**

Shane would like to put in for a USDA grant for training and equipment for the water training. This is a huge advantage for us to have this training, and to access it for a quicker response. Cost is roughly \$85,000, Shane is hoping to not have any money needed to supply, he would like to have area businesses help, and not have to pay anything by the department.

**MOTION BY BANCROFT, 2<sup>nd</sup> BY MILLS, to apply for a USDA grant for water rescue and training. MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION BY HAMMER, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY BANCROFT, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2018 as written. MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION BY BANCROFT, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY HAMMER, to pay the monthly bills totaling \$5,890.82 beginning with check #5964-5983. MOTION PASSED.**

**Treasurers report:** General Checking \$65,076.42, Truck Account \$15,136.37, with a total of \$80,212.79.

**MOTION BY ELLIOTT, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY HAMMER to approve the Treasurers Report as presented with an ending balance of \$80,212.79. MOTION PASSED.**

**Fire Chief Report:** NONE

**Citizens Comments:** Keith Smith asked if there was any military, or surplus vehicles available for purchase, and Shane said they were offered a truck a while back, and turned it down, as it was not a good vehicle. He said our options are still open and he will still watch for them.

**Next Meeting is February 19, 2019 @ 4pm.**

**MOTION BY MILLS, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY ELLIOTT to adjourn the meeting @ 5:33pm. MOTION PASSED.**

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**Submitted by, Angela Cushman**

**Administrative Assistant Evert Fire Department**