

CHARLTON FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes: August 2009

Saturday August 1, 2009

Meeting called to Order: 9:07 am

Present: Kevin O'Connor, Duane Rabideau, Bill Heilman

Absent: Doug Sargent, Dave Milne

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd

I. Minutes from previous month:

Duane Rabideau made a motion accepting the minutes from July, Bill Heilman 2nd, motion carried.

II. Correspondence

· Neville is coming up in November but there is a chance they could be out of business prior to the conference

III. Treasurer's Report

Interest for July was not posted yet. Bills paid totaled \$10,478.90 which included the \$5,027.87 in foreign insurance to the department. Duane Rabideau made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bill Heilman 2nd the motion, motion carried.

IV. Chief's Report

Calls for July – 14 (no breakdown)

· 18-3, 18-2 and 18-4 worked on by Arrowhead. Arrowhead will be sending prices on the boxes for the lights on 18-4. The electrical on 18-3 is fixed. The problem with 18-2 was not the breaks. Arrowhead took the truck out and road the brakes and there wasn't an issue. It turned out to be the transmission fluid which was 2 quarts low and black. The truck had just been to Mike's and his bill stated that he check the fluids. Had they pulled the dipstick they would have seen the fluid was black and low. Arrowhead is going to be here sometime next week to change the fluid and filters.

Dean will be going to see Mike and ask him about his bill and checking the fluids.

- Jaws: Arrowhead repaired and we can get about 3800 lbs of pressure. They are rated for 5,000, it is a light duty machine that is 14 years old. Most cars today have a minimum 10,000lb A-B post, dump trucks 15,000lb. This is the new standard on cars, our tool cannot cut through this and in fact the tool we have cannot be purchased anymore. The chief has demos and prices to replace the jaws, the approximate cost to replace will be \$10,000 - 12,000. Arrowhead believes they can sell our tool for \$4,000 or 5,000. The Chief went to Arrowheads facility and looked at new. He will have pricing in the future.

- FEMA; is finalized, the district will be getting \$12,597.95. The Chief will be getting the total on what the town will be getting from FEMA for the department so the district can put an article in the paper. The Chief believes it will be around \$20,000 and this the labor the department incurred during the disaster. The Chief should have the total for the town shortly and then a press release can be placed in the paper which will be bragging rights of the department and district. The town will receive the money in their stipends.

- New pagers are coming this month. The Chief believes the third week of august. There will only be one week to swap out pagers and the county will only simulcast on both for one week. Bill Heilman asked about the truck radios, the Chief stated there is not information yet regarding the trucks right now the county is working on pagers only.

- New fireman: Nick has been interviewed. Once he is approved by the department at the meeting he can go on SIF.

V. Old Business

Hayes paving: The parking lot is complete and everyone has mentioned how nice it looks. Kevin gave the treasurer the bill for Hayes.

Kevin O'Connor mentioned that he had the name of an accountant from Al Martin. The secretary told them we had names and numbers but were completing the IRS information first and then going to get bids.

Property: The Chief stated the sign is nice but can we cut the trees and brush away so the sign can be seen? Kevin asked who weed wacked the sign, the Chief stated it was Pete Caruso. Bill Heilman stated clean all of it. Also since we have the driveway permit can we put in the culverts and access so that we can at least use the property for drills etc.? Kevin O'Connor felt this was a good idea, we should keep moving and showing progress. Duane stated he could stake out the driveways. Bring up under new business.

VI. New Business

Culverts/access to the property. Bid notice? Bill stated no we did not need one we just need to get prices/quotes. Duane looked over the site plan, some information is required from Rich, the secretary will get a hold of him. The secretary will get a list of what will be required and get pricing from various companies locally. Bill gave the secretary a copy of the site plan where they need an explanation from Rich.

Another issue with the new property is the Wadsworth's seem to have a car, etc.. parked on the district property. Someone will have to go talk to them about moving their vehicles, since there is a culvert already where they are driving in.

The property has been hayed; the secretary pulled the paperwork and there is no clause that states the Emerich's can hay the field. When the district owned the Shadick property, the board wanted proof of insurance prior to anyone haying or planting. Bill stated he is sure that the Emerich's have insurance but no one gave them permission to hay the field. Kevin mentioned that they sell the hay and therefore are making money off our property.

Kevin brought up moving the meeting nights back to Monday night. He stated he knows this is a problem for Bill but with the summer and other things going on during the weekend it would be easier for Monday night

meetings where the firemen would be able to sit in and see what is going on. Bill Heilman made a motion to move the meetings back to Monday nights starting in September. The secretary will post on the website and in the paper new dates for the meetings. Kevin O'Connor 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Bill Heilman brought up the culverts being changed and properly graded on the new property. He stated that National Grid will have to be notified to move the pole. Kevin asked if we could talk to Mike Cady or JD Yattaw to see about expediting this. The Chief stated the pole is cable and telephone lines. Rich at CT Male had started something in regards to this, the secretary will talk to him about the pole getting moved.

VII. Privilege of the Floor: None

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 9:39 am