

Spring Green Fire Protection District



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Spring Green Fire Protection District Regular Meeting – Minutes January 16, 2024

Members present: Dave Radel, Greg Prem, Dick Cates Others present: Derek Miller, Sondra Anliker, Dave Terpstra Absent: Lin Gunderson, Jaime Radtke

Dave called the meeting to order at 5:40 and asked Sondra if there was a Legal Posting of the Agenda and she stated there was. Roll Call was taken and Dave asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Greg made a motion to approve the Agenda and Dick 2nd. Agenda approved.

Sondra sent the minutes out from the November 21, 2023 meeting ahead of time and Dave asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dick made a motion to approve and Greg 2nd. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report – Sondra handed out the Account Balance report as well as a report she had prepared showing the beginning balance for the Vehicle Replacement acct. and the balance in the account as of 12/31/23. The final payment for the new Engine was made the end of December in the amount of \$290,771.00. As of tonight's meeting money has not been transferred to the Operating Fund. Sondra explained that the \$290,771.00 was paid out of the Operating Fund but the funds to cover that needed to be replaced. She explained that there is only \$257,095.48 in the Vehicle Replacement acct. She asked the board how they would like to handle this, suggesting that we could totally deplete the Vehicle Replacement acct since the new Ambulance would not be ready for probably about a year yet. She suggested that the rest of the balance from the pay off would be \$33,675.52 which could be taken out of the General Reserve Fund. Greg & Dave both agreed that this would probably be the best option. Dick made a motion to transfer \$257,095.00 out of the Vehicle Replacement acct into the Operating Fund and to transfer the remaining amount of \$33,675.52 out of the General Reserve acct into the Operating Fund which would then clear up the funds that were taken for the new Engine out of the Operating Fund. Sondra also stated that the bill for Ladder 1 repairs was paid out of the Operating Fund to, in the end be transferred from the Vehicle Replacement acct. Since there are no funds remaining in the Vehicle Replacement acct. she asked if we should just leave it as is in the Operating Fund and the Board agreed that is what should be done. Greg 2nd the motion. All agreed. Greg mentioned that before the budget meeting in September we need to discuss increasing the amount that we put into the new Vehicle fund each year.

Ambulance Report – Derek reported that in 2023 there were 394 calls which was a very busy year for them and so far in 2024 it has started out very busy with 24 calls in the first 16 days of the month. There are 2 new EMTs that are joining the crew – Jon Novak and Dave Terpstra. Dave was formerly an EMT for 40 years before moving to the Spring Green area. Wisconsin EMS did a new training on Triage combined with the Base Hospital program. The Base Hospital program is if we would have an incident where there was a large number of patients needing to be seen our service would call the Base Hospital which likely would be UW and give them the information. From there the Base Hospital would contact the other hospitals to decide where each of the patients should be transported to depending on their injuries. Derek said all of the training was very good. The end of January there is going to be a WEMSA Conference in Green Bay. Derek asked all of the crew

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members if anyone would like to go to this and Mike Huftile would like to go. Derek will get all of the conference and hotel bills to Sondra for payment. There has been a couple of problems with the Horton ambulance. On one of the calls this week the heat went out in the ambulance. Also after the transport of a patient they were unable to get the cot to go back down. The ambulance will be going to Lauren's on Wednesday to repair the heating issue and Stryker will be coming to our station on Thursday to repair the cot. Derek mentioned that it looks like the new ambulance will not be arriving until the end of 2024. He also mentioned that there has been discussion regarding putting a new chassis under the Horton and have the locks, bolts and any other small repairs being done at some point in the next 3 – 4 years to essentially give them an updated ambulance. They really like the setup for the Horton and it is a good ambulance so this would be a much cheaper option. Derek has heard from other ambulance services that a new ambulance is running around \$400,000 right now and a long wait to get it. Sondra mentioned that Clint Johnson is no longer working for Cvikota and we now have a new billing Agent – Brittany Mattison. When Sondra is back from vacation she will setup a meeting with Brittany over the phone and Derek will meet with us also to see if there are procedures we should be using or things we need to change or update. Greg made a motion to approve the Ambulance report and Dick 2nd.

Lin was unable to make it to the meeting due to work so he gave Sondra a few things to report on. The new Engine will not be in service for 3 – 4 months yet. Seagrave is coming out toward the end of February to do a 3 day training on it with all the Firefighters. Emily Hottmann has joined the Fire department and just started the Entry Level training program in Reedsburg, last Wednesday. Lin said that we started 2024 great with both water heaters going out. Therefore there is no hot water in the building. New parts should be here for repairs in a few days.

Sondra let the Board and Derek know that she will be gone from the office from January 26 thru February 7.

Public Comment – Dave Terpstra attended the meeting to discuss the ever growing issue of “Cyber Security”. Dave is familiar with this and has been working with this for quite some time. He stated that there is Cyber Security Grant Funding and he wanted to get the word out to see if there is interest in checking into this further. If this is something people want to go forward with, how do we get others involved.

Dick brought up that the Lions club of which he is a member is discussing the possibility of sponsoring a Chili Cookoff and wondered if it would be possible to use the meeting room and the kitchen here at the fire station to hold this event. He wondered what the cost would be. Sondra will get the information to Dick.

Dave asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg made a motion to adjourn and Dick 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Our next meeting will be March 19.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sondra Anliker

Minutes have been approved