

Elsie Area Fire Association
140 W Maple St
Elsie, MI 48831

Elsie Area Fire Association Board Minutes for Board Meeting on May 8, 2024

Members Present: Green, Bowen, Freeman, Zemla, Wooley

Fire Department Members Present: Ormes

Members Absent: Maynard

Guests: Attached sign in sheet

Called to order by Green at 6:00 pm

The board and guests stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Zemla made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Wooley supported the motion and motion carried.

Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 10th, April 11th and May 1st meetings as presented. Wooley supported the motion and motion carried.

Zemla made a motion to approve the Treasurers report with the following balances: \$82,981.05 in checking and \$24,270.25 in the money market. Freeman supported the motion and motion carried.

Zemla made a motion to approve the bills, checks & ACH debits, in the amount of \$4831.62 for April and \$3205.53 for May. Wooley supported the motion and motion carried.

Old Business

- 1 Fire/Rescue Department Personnel Update: Effective May 1st Assistant Chief Grinnell has been terminated. A radio was returned in January. Need to start looking for an Assistant Chief.

Zemla made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:14 pm. Freeman supported the motion and motion carried.

Freeman made a motion to enter into open session at 7:25 pm. Wooley supported the motion and motion carried.

- 2 Firefighters Association – Federal Tax Exemption Status: on hold - Treasurer unable to help Lieutenant Witt due to family issues
- 3 Association/Authority bi-laws – on hold
- 4 Fire Department Gear – Inventory Update: Lieutenant Witt was not in attendance for update
- 5 Engine 1 For Sale Update: There has been one interested party for Engine 1 however Chief hasn't heard anything else.
- 6 County Chief's Meetings: There was a meeting the prior Wednesday however Chief did not attend
- 7 Training with other departments: There were two mutual trainings- one with Ovid & one with Chesaning. Had personnel attend both trainings. The feedback from the Ovid training was that the training was really good.
- 8 O'Rileys Auto Parts Credit Application – Department has an active account with NAPA – not going to move forward with O'Riley's at this time.
- 9 Spectrum Update: On hold – Treasurer unable to call due to family issues
- 10 Chain Saw: Zemla purchased new chain saw. He will take the old chain saws to the place he purchased the new saw from and see if they want them.

- 11 Officer Meetings – next meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 5:00 pm
- 12 Equipment, Maintenance, Building Update: Lieutenant Saul presented a Building Maintenance Policy. Wooley made a motion to adapt the Building Maintenance Policy as presented. Freeman supported the motion and motion carried. Roll call vote: Zemla- yes, Freeman – yes, Bowen – yes, Wooley – yes, Green – yes Brush truck is ready to roll - Runs well. All equipment is currently in service! Auxiliary Rig: Chief Ormes will research what the rig is valued at and what it could be sold for.
- 13 Smoking/Vaping Policy: Freeman made a motion to adapt the Smoking/Vaping Policy as presented. Wooley supported the motion and motion carried. Roll call vote: Zemla- yes, Freeman – yes, Bowen – yes, Wooley – yes, Green – yes
- 14 Department Survey: On hold at this time
- 15 Insurance Claim: The insurance claim is currently closed for the personnel issue. Can be reopened if needed.
- 16 Tool Crib Update: Nothing new at this time
- 17 Other Old Business: Alternator for side by side. Zemla made a motion to purchase the alternator for side by side from Amazon for about \$76. Wooley supported the motion and motion carried. New tires can be purchased the next day after the department makes sure the alternator works.

New Business:

- 1 PPE Policy - Lieutenant Witt was not in attendance for Policy
- 2 Building Maintenance Policy – Discussed in Old Business
- 3 Other New Business: The fire personnel is going to look at stripping the trailer and selling. The DNR trailer is going to be given back to the DNR.

Rescue / Fire Division: There was two calls missed during April.

Bill with Tri-County sent a letter to the department with business cards. Zak will receive and review all information from Tri-County.

Guest Comment: None

Zemla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Freeman supported the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting: June 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bowen
Secretary/Treasurer