**Meeting Minutes –** 02-15-2024

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by B. Jewett

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll call:**

* + Members Present: B. Jewett, W. Floury, J. Hurlburt, D. Williams, E. Szegda
  + Members Absent: J. Ellens, K. Manuel
  + Guests: Terry Hankins, Jim Peterson, Dave Fox, Tom Williams, Steve Hart

**Approve Agenda:** Motion made by J. Hurlburt, 2nd by D. Williams to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by W. Floury 2nd by J. Hurlburt to approve 01/1/2024 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

T. Williams (Antioch Township) – recommended that NWEA request the millage instead of the townships. This would eliminate the Headlee Rollback applying to the millage collected as that only applies to the townships. The authority wouldn’t have that penalty applied to the millage.

**Director Report**: SEE ATTACHED. Request for reimbursement to J. Hurlburt for his SMEMSIC class. Discussion held. Motion by B. Jewett, 2nd by D. Williams to reimburse J. Hurlburt $345.00 for the class. Roll call vote – W. Floury – yes. D. Williams – yes, J. Hurlburt – abstained, B. Jewett – yes. All in favor, motion carried. Resignations – Mike Strang, Gary Duff Jr., Jack Lindsey. New hire – Joseph Braff – J. Hurlburt requested J. Runyon contact the state for clarification of licensing issue. Tabled (for the last time) to next month.

**Fire Chief Report**: SEE ATTACHED. Talks with Blair Township and Green Lake Townships – we may request that Grant and Mayfield increase to 4 mills to match everyone else, or we may not renew our contracts.

**Treasurer Report:** E. Szegda gave the report – see attached. In Forest Area there is $44,047.20 in checking, $231,286.85 in Ambulance savings, $76,622.70 in Fire savings. In Honor Bank there is $148,201.18 in checking. Grand total in both banks is $503,157.93. There were multiple deposits made since last meeting totaling $157,167.24. There are 18 bills since last meeting totaling $42,004.18. Motion to approve the treasurer’s report (with corrections) and pay all the bills presented by J. Hurlburt, 2nd by W. Floury. Roll call on all members. – W. Floury – yes. D. Williams – yes, J. Hurlburt – yes, B. Jewett – yes. All approved, motion carried.

**Old Business**

1. **Committees:**
2. **NWEA Building Committee (6/3)** – E. Szegda, J. Runyon, M. Guernsey, J. Stanley–

E. Szegda stated things are moving slowly – no further updates.

1. **Turn out gear** – We have some gear here! Next fitting March 29.
2. **State of MI grant application –** Still waiting for funds to arrive.
3. **Greenwood Township Follow up –** M. Guernsey, B. Jewett and J. Runyon went to the meeting, and they sound interested but will have to go back to meet with just the board. Will return to meeting this month or next, to see the outcome. They lost two residents waiting on ambulances recently. Not happy with current situation. Very interested in coming aboard. They have an ambulance just sitting there, we have three employees from this area. Would be easy to upgrade this truck to an active ambulance available for calls. We just need them to tell us how they want to proceed. Cherry Grove made offer to Manton, Colfax, Greenwood, Liberty as well, with a projected March 1 ALS date.
4. **Millage Discussion** –Slagle is very interested. Happy with budget being presented, progress, and open communication. Very receptive. Townships asking – do we renew? Can we bill and collect $? Yes per ordinance. Millage to be for four years by townships to cover 2025 – 2028.
5. **Budget Review** – Board pay. Budget was over by $1,380. B. Jewitt suggested adding $1,200 to board pay, allowing for $50 per member. E. Szegda suggested moving $1500 to board pay giving Chair $100 per meeting – to cover extra meetings, and making that duty a formal part of the Chair position. Motion by J. Hurlburt to move $1500 to board pay, giving members $50 and Chair $100 per meeting – to be paid once per quarter, and must be present at meeting to be paid. 2nd by D. Williams. Roll call vote – W. Floury – yes. D. Williams – yes, J. Hurlburt – yes, B. Jewett – yes. All approved, motion carried.

**New Business**

1. Mushroom Festival – fire truck rides. Discussion with Ins. Co. – okay as long as we have waivers. Board is okay with proceeding and requiring waivers to be signed. Blood pressure and glucose checks to be performed prior to the parade. Lions Club is adding our extrication training demo to their flyer.
2. Open houses. Need to revisit this. Also using Mushroom Festival, Buckley Memorial Day Parade, and Old Engine Show for publicity – maybe flyers? Table to next month to create committee and look at dates.

**Public Comment: -** No further public comment.

**Adjourn**: Motion presented by W. Floury to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by D. Williams - Approved by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Next regular meeting March 21, 2024, at Buckley Station 2

Respectfully submitted by E. Szegda

**Director’s Report**

February 15,2023

Hello, here is the NWEA Director report for February 2024.

This month was another success as we remained staffed around the clock and first out truck was available for first out calls. As seems to be a pattern we did once again experience the second call phenomenon when the first truck was out several times which were answered by mutual aid.

Bruce and I were able to make it to Slagle Twp’s. monthly board meeting and inform them of the progress we have made and where we are going as an agency and what role they could play in the forward progress. We asked them what they want from us and gave some examples such as only EMS or EMS/Fire. We did make it clear that the current uncontracted free primary service would not continue indefinitely as it is not responsible to our primary contracted taxpayers. They expressed some concerns that they had with past coverage and management. They asked a lot of good questions and showed interest in developing a relationship and continuing towards possible milage. We will revisit them as well as Colfax/Greenwood.

The washer and dryer have been purchased and delivered to Sta. 1 I have yet to install the gas line and dryer vent line to the facility.

We continue to order and receive the ALS equipment, we are probably about 3 weeks out on receiving the new Zoll monitors. Once they are received and configured, we will be at the point of contacting the state for further guidance and ordering expirable products, most of which will be covered by the $12,000 trade in credit on the old monitories. Short of building a schedule that will support paramedic coverage we are drawing down to the end of preparation for ALS licensure and will begin the licensure process.

Stryker will be out to pull the loaner lift this week and put ours back in 8A. They have provided us with quotes for a service contract and/or a new one. My recommendation is to fix the old one out of contract within reason, and just save the service contract money towards a future purchase. SEE PROVIDED QUOTES

Chief Guernsey, officers and I are fine tuning operation guidelines for NWEA and will present them at a later date for approval.

We have two resignations since last month FF Gary Duff and FF Jack Lindsey. I would like a motion to approve the new roster as provided noting the hiring of Joe Graff FF2/EMT that was tabled forward from last month.

Thank you,

Justin Runyon

NWEA Director

231-645-0455

**Fire Chief’s Report**

February 1, 2024

TO: Northwest Wexford Emergency Authority

FROM: FIRE CHIEF GUERNSEY

January: 8 CALLS

YEAR: 8 CALLS

WEXFORD COUNTY: 5 FOR THE MONTH 5 FOR THE YEAR

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY: 3 FOR THE MONTH 3 FOR THE YEAR

3 CAR ACCIDENTS (SPRINGVILLE, WEXFORD, MAYFIELD)

2 STRUCTURE FIRES (BLAIR, SLAGLE)

1 CHIMNEY FIRE (MAYFIELD)

1 SNOWMOBILE FIRE (SPRINGVILLE)

1 FIRE STANDBY (STATION) CHIMNEY FIRE IN COLFAX TOWNSHIP

MICHAEL D. GUERNSEY

FIRE CHIEF / EMT