

Rocky Point Fire & EMS

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Board Members

Bruce Harp
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Sandy Handsaker
Steve Jensen
Larry Dugger

Minutes for Rocky Point Fire & EMS

December 14th, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am in the bay of the Fire Department. In attendance were 4 board members with member Larry Dugger participating via speaker phone. Also present were 10 guests and Fire Chief Diann.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg, seconded by Sandy and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was presented by Sandy. After some discussion on entries in the monthly budget report and clarification, a motion was made by Steve, and seconded by Greg to approve. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board of Directors report was made by Bruce where he presented to the board two letters received from community members expressing their appreciation to the department for assistance they have received by our volunteers.

Good and Welfare: Diane Greib expressed her wish to have Good and Welfare moved towards the end of each board meeting so those in attendance would have the opportunity to comment on items presented during the meeting. After several other comments on this topic and discussion between board members, the Board agreed to move this agenda item towards the end of subsequent meetings.

Old business began with Sandy presenting to the Board the idea of adding one additional community member to the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Bruce to add one additional member and said motion was approved unanimously. All positions on the committee have been filled and it is expected that the committee will begin their work sometime near the end of January or early February. Chief Diann stated that the helmets gifted to the Department through a monetary gift from Quilt have arrived. Greg presented two more proposals by local CPA firms to take over bookkeeping for the department. A member from one of the bookkeeping firms who had presented a proposal was to be at the board meeting to discuss their services and reasons as to why an outside firm should be involved but was not able to attend. It was decided that Greg and Sandy would arrange a meeting to meet with these firms and present their findings at the next board meeting in January. The vinyl wrap gifted to the department from Lake of the Woods for engine 2141 will be installed in February. Greg presented his finding on a new provider for our internet service. It looks like sometime this spring we will be able to utilize the services of Century Link and their new high speed internet system. It appears this new system will work well and provide the speed and data services we require.

New business consisted of discussion surrounding the Covid-19 grant we have received. Approximately \$23,000 will be available to the department to reimburse us for salaries and additional expenses incurred by this department because of regulations imposed by Covid-19 directives.

Chief Diann reported one medical call, 9 MVA's, 9 smoke/bush reports, 2 vehicle fires and 1 Haz. Mat. Fire. She also stated she is still working on the billing from the 2-4-2 fire and expects payment for services provided by our department this spring. She also reported that the new reader board mounted on the outside wall of the building is up and running. Traffic cones that light up for safety and increased visibility have been ordered along with a gas monitor.

The BBQ committee report by Sandy continued to stress the importance of finding someone to head this year's event. Much of the work needs to be started early in the year and thus far we are without a committee chairperson.

The Volunteers Association reported that they are currently working on revising their Mission Statement. Gifts of appreciation were presented to many of the volunteers and individuals in attendance for their dedication, hard work and sacrifice to the department and community this past year. Those honored were Patrick and Jean Hagen, Greg Sullivan, Mike and Julie Black, Gary Engelder, Marcie Menon, Linda Reed and Bruce Harp.

A meeting date of January 11th, 2021 was set for the next board meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Steve, seconded by Sandy. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Submitted by Sec. Steve Jensen