**September 19, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Comm. Liles, Comm. Fisher, and Comm. Wornick, Randy Odom, fire chief, and Trey Barnhill, firefighter (?), present.

Minutes from August 15, 2023 meeting were amended to add Wayne Wilbur as being in attendance, and these were unanimously approved as read.

**WVFD:** Chief Odom reported that Thomas Payne had added ceiling lighting in the fire station. The chief had requested quotes from Mr. Payne for (1) epoxy coating for the station floor; (2) purchase and installation of five doors; and (3) finish work on the station kitchen.

 The quote for the Lucas CPR machine and purchase of same with a Forest Service grant were discussed.

 The fire department has a new treasurer, Tammy Neumann. There are three new members and one potential member.

 Discussion was had concerning additional items that should be paid for directly by the Emergency Service District instead of reimbursing the fire department.

**Treasurer’s report**: Comm. Fisher presented information regarding the 2023 Tax Rate Calculation and his proposed Motion to Adopt Tax Rate as follows:

 It is moved that Village Mills Emergency Services District #8 adopt an ad valorem tax rate of $0.03 per $100 evaluation for the year 2023. This rate is equal to that adopted for the year 2022. This tax rate will effectively increase total taxes in Village Mills Emergency Services District #8 by 9.67% above the no-new-revenue tax rate. The proposed rate will have the effect of raising taxes for maintenance and operations on a $100,000 home by approximately $2.90/year above the no-new-revenue rate.

The motion was made by Comm. Liles, seconded by Comm. Wornick, and carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Motion to adjourn made by Comm. Wornick, seconded by Comm. Fisher, and the meeting was adjourned.