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EAST LAKE LIMESTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT MINUTES

**Meeting Date: September 7, 2024**

**Call to Order: 9:07 am (Meeting began post-election)**

**Pledge and Prayer: Teresa Ladd and Red Ard**

**Attendees:**

**Pre-Election: Brenda Bonin, Karryn Nichols, Mike Groves, James Ignas, Steve Rogers, Pat Bonin, Vicki Balazik-Cowles, Harold Ladd, Teresa Ladd, Sue Poole, Mary Hunckler, Belinda Ard, Red Ard, Billie Fillis, James Cowles**

**Post-Election: Brenda Bonin, Teresa Ladd, Sue Poole, Mary Hunckler, Belinda Ard, Red Ard, Steve Rogers, James Cowles, Vicki Balazik-Cowles, Pat Bonin**

**Absent: Ray Young, Bobby Norris**

**Public Attendees: Mark Jones and Steve Henigman from ESD**

**Previous Minutes: Accepted by Steve Rogers and second by Pat Bonin, All in Favor**

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**President Report:** TERESA

* October BBQ confirmed and food ordered.
* Trunk or Treat proposal for Halloween – need flyers made and community signs updated after luncheon. Serve free hot dogs and drinks. Purchase candy. Details and purchase decisions to be made at October meeting. Will get permission at ESD meeting this month. Monitors will be onsite to safeguard fire equipment.
* Elections commenced and positions filled – President from Bobby Norris to Teresa Ladd, Vice President from James Ignas to Sue Poole, Directors from Karryn Nichols to Mary Hunckler, from Mike Groves to James Cowles, added Belinda Ard and Harold Ladd.

**Fire Chief Report**: Red

* 6 Medicals, 4 Fire, 1 MVA = 11 Missions
* This building will be voting place for next election. Binky will be point of contact.

**VP Report**: Sue

* Per Brenda: Military truck was removed from insurance and added Accident and Sickness Policy. Will get one month credit for removing Military truck. The insurance policy emails should go to VP and Treasurer. Create a new email address for fire dept that goes to certain people in the Board. Steve made a motion to create a new email address. Second by James Cowles. Will contact Bobby Reed to confirm compliance with email address. Brenda to contact Bobby. Brenda to confirm VIN’s have been reported to insurance.

**Treasury Report**: Brenda

* Savings: $63,135.18
* Checking: $19,525.00
* Debit Card: $5,826.19
* Had to pay insurance $871.00 and fuel (diesel $465.76 and gas $930.00). ESD to reimburse for these expenses.
* Announced WIFI password has been changed and it is written on the WIFI box on back table

**Secretary Report**: Vicki

* See Old and New Business
* <https://eastlakelimestonevfd.org/> - will work with Mark (ESD) to update website
* Requested FB Page rights from Beverly Cote
* Update and send new Tax Form to Board
* Need to connect color printer to WIFI
* Create new Text Group for Board and Text Group for ESD
* Add ESD to Board Member spreadsheet
* Next community luncheon is November 21st (no Oct luncheon)

**Old Business Report**:

* Turn-out gear suspenders are on order
* The generator has been tested, but not hooked up for functionality. Need answers from Tom (ESD).
* Security Cameras not working. Per Red, Sheriff’s Dept advised getting these cameras operational.
* Payoff for building is $68K. This year ESD plans to make a double payment. No payoff initiative at this time.

**New Business Report:**

* Community Luncheons will resume in September. Vicki to talk to Patty about replenishing drinks and supplies. Brenda needs an invoice for all Patty’s spend.
* Discussion of Military truck. Agreed that equipment should be pulled off the truck. Red and Pat agreed that it has about $10K in equipment. A motion was made to sell as scrap. Red and Pat confirmed. It is now off of the insurance policy. Red will start after Service Truck is back in service to be able to move the parts.
* Private groups to use the building for a meeting place. The liability is too high. Can we formally close this issue?
* New source of revenue from ESD from Steve. We can bill the insurance company for traffic control, personnel or equipment when responding to MVAs. Can bill for firefighters when using equipment. Need a billing schedule and documented rate sheet and a process to file the claim. ALWAYS collect a police report. We need to do this ASAP. If we use a 3rd party, they take a percentage. This would be for MVA’s only and possibly for brush fires if illegal. Will not bill for medical; it’s too involved to pursue at this time and too personal for a small community.
* ESD and ELLVFD will attend meetings and share notes for complete transparency.

**Motion to Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn at 9:41 am by Vicki and second by Sue, All in Favor.

09/07/2024

Vicki Balazik-Cowles

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