

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT AT MEETING: Wayne Blankenship, Chief Buddy Jones, Gregg Gilbert, John Seno Robert Smalls, George Williams, Assistant Chief Glass, Rudy Glover, Donnie Phillips, Jody Ward

GUESTS: John Crouch (Architect), Gerald Neal (Contractor)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 P.M.

MINUTES DATED June 21, 2018 and August 2, 2018 reviewed.

MOTION to approved minutes made Robert Smalls. **SECOND** by George Williams. **APPROVED.**

DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS: New Squad should be ready by 11/13/18. We received bullet proof vests but sizes were wrong. Waiting for corrected order. Will not pay until order is corrected and complete. New air packs have been purchased and put in the Haz-Mat Truck. It is all new and back up to date. Also, minutes of August 2nd we took Neal's bid and gave him the opportunity to lower to match our approved budget by the county.

NEW BUSINESS: Bids - Neal Construction met with the structural engineer and mechanical engineer. Discussed with the Structural Engineer from changing the day and dorm room to combustible/wood to help with costs. Would not need specialty crews. There would be a fire barrier between engine house and dorm/day room. It would lower the price substansally. Taking out the light fixture poles with conduit and pole wire and use flood lights on the building instead will save money. Also, changing the structure by 10 feet should cut down the cost a lot. Neal still waiting on subcontractor bids. Currently, Neal's preliminary bid is approximately \$950,000. We need lower than that. The county approved \$796,955 in the budget. Neil Construction will have a firm price no later than three weeks. So lets plan on having a special meeting on September 13, 2018 to discuss final cost.

MOTION by Donnie Phillips for special meeting on September 13, 2018. Second by George Williams. **APPROVED.**

THERE WERE NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING BIDS.

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TREASUREY REPORT: We just made our first \$150,000 draw from the county leaving a balance of \$1,258,000 left to draw. Our average money spent per week is \$22,509. The budget allows \$27,913 per week. There are a few credits on the Expenditure report because we received money from EMS for billing in June. These figures will change next month. We have two capital projects. The new squad for \$106,000, with the new vests total \$114,000. We have a fund balance of over 1/2 million dollars, so we are fine to spend some of that money on these projects. Wayne made a suggestion to maybe use some of the fund balance on the overages on the new building. Buddy reminded the board that the county would have to approve any spending of the fund balance. We would need to wait on the final numbers first. Once money is collected for fire protection, and it cannot be spent on anything else. We need to keep at least 3% of the budget in our fund balance. Years ago, we would have to take out a short term loan until taxes were paid to the county. Now the funds are taken out of the county general fund until taxes are paid. Wayne was just suggesting maybe using \$100,000 of the fund balance as an option if needed.

MOTION: By Robert Smalls to approve Treasurer Report. Second by Gregg Gilbert. **APPROVED.**

CHIEF'S REPORT :

*ALL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE IS UP TO DATE.

*ALL TRAINING IS UP TO DATE.

*TOTAL # OF INSPECTIONS: 2-ASSEMBLY; 8-BUSINESS; 1-STORAGE; 0-VIOLATIONS

*TOTAL # OF CALLS TO DATE: 510

MOTION: by George Williams to adjourn the meeting. Second by Donnie Phillips. **APPROVED.**

MEETING ADJORNED: 7:51 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.