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January 3 membership meeting minutes

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Kent Secretary <secretary@kentfire.org>

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To: All Members <members@kentfire.org>, Veterans <veterans@kentfire.org>, Auxiliary <auxiliary@kentfire.org>, Juniors <juniors@kentfire.org>

January 3, 2023 Membership meeting minutes

Present in the firehouse:

Jean Speck (Jean)
MaryAnnVan Valkenburg (MV)
Rob Kennedy (RK)
Bonnie Donzella (BD)
Matt Starr (MS)
Ane Starr (Ane)
Eric Epstein (EE)
Ed Matson (EM)
Connor Sainz (CS)
Fran Goodsell
Alan Gawel (AG)
Wendall Soule (WS)
John Christen (JC)
PJ Haviland (PH)
Pete Bernard (PB)
Bill Smith (BS)
Joe Gawel (JG)
Sean Dingee (SD)
Gary Hock (GH)
Louis Dingee (LD)
Jeff Rojas (Jeff)

Present on Zoom:

Cathe Mazza
Alexis Swagemaker (AS)
John Russell (JR)
Kerri Cullip (KC)
Laurence Schenk (LS)
Anne McAndrew
Elizabeth Place
Jill Scholsohn (JS)
Jordan Donzella (JD)
Tim Limbos (TL)
Caralee Rochovansky (CR)
Wendy Harvey (WH)
Jeremy Matson (JM)

Call to order by Chief Gawel @ 19:03
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Moment of silence for fallen firefighter

Public/member comment: 1. **JC made a motion, seconded by MS, to direct a \$600 donation from CT Antique Machinery Association to maintenance of our Seagrave truck.** Voting yes: Jean, MV, CS, RK, JC, BS, PH, PB, MS, Ane, JG, WS, EM, BD, AG, JR, JS, AS, EE, SD. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries. 2. There was brief discussion about publishing our calendar of meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

1. EM: gave a reading of the re-occurring bills.

2. **EM made a motion, seconded by CR, to pay the unpaid bills as read.** Voting yes: MV, CS, JC, RK, PB, JG, PH, BS, MS, Ane, GH, SD, EE, WS, EM, BD, AG, JS, CR, TL, JD, JR. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: Jean, AS. Motion carries.

3. **EM made a motion, seconded by GH, to use the 2022 list and to add Berkshire Alarm and Sinnamon & Associates to the 2023 reoccurring bills list. JR made an amendment to the motion, seconded by EM, to add his list of new vendors to the reoccurring bills.** Voting on the amendment: voting yes: MV, RK, JC, PB, JG, PH, BS, Ane, GH, SD, LD, WS, EM, BD, AG, CR, TL, LS, JS, JD, WH, JR. Voting no: MS. Abstentions: AS, CS, Jean. Motion carries. Voting on the original motion: voting yes: MV, JC, RK, PB, JG, PH, BS, GH, Ane, LD, SD, WS, EM, BD, AG, JS, JR, TL, JD, WH, LS, CR. Voting no: MS. Abstentions: AS. Motion carries.

Correspondence: holiday cards from Sherman VFD, Eastern Account System and First Approach EMS Education and Staffing were read.

Membership: Auxiliary member Fran Goodsell was welcomed to the department by Chief Gawel and presented with her badge.

Approval of December membership meeting minutes: **BD made a motion, seconded by MV, to approve the minutes as distributed.** Voting yes: Jean, MV, CS, RK, JC, PB, BS, GH, LD, SD, WS, EM, BD, AG, CR, TL, JR, LS, WH. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: Ane, MS, JM, JS. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

1. Tax abatement:

a) **CR made a motion, seconded by TL, to approve TL's proposal for SOP 1-7.** Voting yes: CS, AG, LS, TL, WH, JD, CR. Voting no: MV, RK, JC, PB, PH, MS, Ane, WS, EM, EE, JR, JM. Abstentions: Jean, BS, AS, GH, LD, SD, BD, JS. Motion fails.

b) **EE made a motion, seconded by EM, to approve SOP 1-7 proposal from the tax abatement committee.** Voting yes: MV, RK, PB, MS, WS, EM, EE, AG, Ane, LS, JD, JM, JR. Voting no: CS, JC, PH, GH, CR, TL, WH. Abstentions: Jean, BS, AS, LD, SD, BD. Motion carries.

c) **TL made a motion, seconded by CR, to approve SOP 1-7.2 document in support of the SOP.** Voting yes: Jean, MV, CS, RK, PB, JG, PH, Jeff, JC, MS, Ane, GH, SD, EE, WS, EM, BD, BS, AG, CR, TL, JD, JR, WH, LS, AS, JM. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: JS, LD. Motion carries.

2) 2023 draft budget: **MS made a motion, seconded by WS, to table the topic.** Voting yes: unanimous. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Election of Officers {10 members eligible to vote on Zoom and 20 in the firehouse}

a) Fire Chief:

Eric Epstein 7 votes

Alan Gawel 22 votes

b) President:

John Russell 23 votes

c) Assistant Fire Chief

K2: Gary Hock 26 votes

K3: Wendall Soule 27 votes

d) Ambulance Chief:

Bonnie Donzella 26 votes

e) Assistant Ambulance Chief:

Jill Scholsohn 23 votes

f) Captain:

K5: Sean Dingee 24 votes

K6: Ed Matson 25 votes

g) Lieutenant:

K7: John Russell 25 votes

K8: no nomination

h) Secretary:

Caralee Rochovansky 22 votes

i) Treasurer:

no nomination

j) Engineer:

John Christen 26 votes

2) a) **GH made a motion, seconded by WS, to suspend our spending policy to purchase an OSHA program from Tim Baldwin.** Voting yes: TL, JR, JG, PB, GH, WS, BD, SD, AG, CR, JS, WH. Voting no: MV, RK, JC, MS, EE, EM. Abstentions: LS, Jean, CS, Jeff, PH, BS. Motion carries.

b) **WS made a motion, seconded by GH, to approve the hiring of Tim Baldwin to write an OSHS**

requirement program for KVFD at a cost of \$4,500. Voting yes: MV, CS, JC, PB, JG, RK, GH, EE, WS, EM, BD, AG, TL, JR, LS, CR, JS, WH. Voting no: MS. Abstentions: Jean, BS, PH. Motion carries.

Warned Expenses:

1) video system equipment: tabled.

2) Back Building Furnace: EE gave update and there was general discussion. **TL made a motion, seconded by CS, to allow the rear building tenant to install duct work at his own cost.** Voting yes: MV, RK, JC, PB, JG, PH, BS, GH, WS, EM, BD, EE, AG, CR, TL, LS, JS, JR. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: Jean, WH. Motion carries.

TL made a motion, seconded by BS, to have the rear building committee investigate the best option for replacement of the rear building furnaces and report back to the membership. Voting yes: MV, RK, JC, PB, CS, PH, BS, GH, EM, BD, AG, CR, LS, TL, JS, WH, JR. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: Jean, WS. Motion carries.

CR made a motion, seconded by TL, to approve monies of the back building account to replace a back building furnace as necessary. Voting yes: MV, RK, JC, PB, PH, GH, WS, EM, EE, BD, AG, TL, CR, LS, JS, WH, JR. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: BS, CS, Jean. Motion carries.

3) 2023 Ball: review and discussion about the survey. **CR made a motion, seconded by JC, to have the Ball on June 17, 2023.** Voting yes: MV, CS, Jean, RK, GH, PB, BS, PH, WS, EE, BD, AG, LS, TL, WH, CR, JS. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

TL made a motion, seconded by CS, to accept the Ball budget as presented with expenditures at \$17,230.00 and revenue estimated at \$34,300.00 giving a profit of \$17,070.00. Voting yes: MV, CS, RK, JC, PB, PH, GH, BS, WS, AG, CR, TL, JS, WH, LS. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: BD, Jean. Motion carries.

4) Oil-water separator: no update.

5) Training: **WS made a motion, seconded by MV, to have a second firefighter attend the Brookfield class.** Voting yes: MV, CS, RK, JC, PB, PH, GH, BS, WS, AG, Jean, TL, LS, CR, JR, JS. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

President's Report:

Thanks for all the call responses. The next Executive Committee meeting will be January 23 at 7 p.m.

Fire Chief's Report:

Thanks for all the call responses. AG said the new training program is in effect: on-line is ready now and in person dates are coming. AG reminded all that training must be completed in January, February and March-before the March EC meeting.

WS reported 33 calls in December and a year total of 244.

Line Officer's Report: no report.

Ambulance Chief's Report: 35 calls in December and 465 for the year. BD said COVID is on the rise and reminded all to wear masks and disinfect. BD had no update on the medic. There will be an EMT class in Brookfield starting on February 21.

Committee Report:

1. MV (with Elizabeth Place) are working on a grant for CPR equipment.
2. Tech: new officers please get your contact info to Jean asap.

Appointed Positions:

Facilities: washer & dryer grant money has arrived.

Auxiliary: January 22 is next pancake breakfast.

Juniors: meeting on January 5.

Expenditure Warning:

- 1) video recording equipment
- 2) oil-water separator
- 3) training
- 4) washer & dryer
- 5) ski race entry fee
- 6) tech
- 7) scanner for records clerk
- 8) Zoom renewal

Adjourned at 23:25
Respectfully submitted,
Cathe
Secretary

These minutes are considered to be in draft form until approved by the membership.

Sent from my iPad