

KVFD special membership meeting March 22, 2022

Present: John Russell, Cathe Mazza, Bonnie Donzella, Eric Epstein, Matt Starr, Alan Gawel, Peter Bernard, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Wendall Soule, Ed Matson, Jean Speck, Alexis Swagemaker, Gary Hock.

Call to order 19:03

Public/ member comment: none.

Old Business:

1. ARPA request: the President's draft letter was reviewed and discussed. **Eric made a motion, seconded by Ed Matson, to ask from ARPA funding \$175,000 to help fund the KVFD (\$7,500 for teleconference, \$35,000 for AEDs, \$40,000 turnout gear, \$5,000 SCBA masks, \$3,600 stair chair, \$30,000 for fitness room upgrades, \$40,000 for communications, \$5,000 for sleeping quarter renovations. Total request \$171,500. Also in this letter, we would emphasize that the KVFD revenue from EMS billing was reduced due to lower call volume and we would like to recoup this amount.** Voting yes: Ed Matson, Alexis Swagemaker, Eric Epstein, Matt Starr, Wendall Soule. Voting no: Alan Gawel, Bonnie Donzella. Abstentions: Jean Speck, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Cathe Mazza. **Motion carries.**

2. Stipend/legal issue: **Matt Starr made a motion, seconded by Jean Speck, to go into Executive Session at 19:37.** Voting yes: Alexis Swagemaker, Matt Starr, Jean Speck, Ed Matson, Bonnie Donzella, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Eric Epstein, Pete Bernard, Wendall Soule. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Cathe Mazza. **Motion carries.**

Jean made a motion, seconded by Matt Starr, to come out of Executive Session at 19:44. Voting yes: Jean Speck, Bonnie Donzella, Wendall Soule, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Eric Epstein, Alexis Swagemaker, Matt Starr, Ed Matson, Pete Bernard. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Cathe Mazza. **Motion carries.**

Bonnie Donzella made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann VanValkenburg, to have the President seek the advice of legal counsel in regards to the stipends and report back to the membership. After brief discussion, the motion and the second were rescinded. **Bonnie Donzella made a second motion, seconded by Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, that the President engage with a labor attorney to review our stipend payment method to ensure we are in compliance with the law.** Voting yes: Bonnie Donzella, Wendall Soule, Matt Starr, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Gary Hock, Alan Gawel, Alexis Swagemaker, Eric Epstein, Ed Matson. Voting no: no one. Abstentions: Cathe Mazza, Pete Bernard. **Motion carries.**

New Business:

1. Warned expenditures:

a. Radio communications: **Pete Bernard made a motion, seconded by Alan Gawel, to spend up to \$11,000 for equipment on the new cell tower to improve communications in town.** Voting yes: Pete Bernard, Alan Gawel, Bonnie Donzella. Voting no: Matt Starr, Cathe Mazza, Ed Matson, Alexis Swagemaker, Eric Epstein. Abstentions: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Wendall Soule. **Motion fails.**

b. Water rescue equipment: no numbers yet, table another month.

c. Defibrillators: **Bonnie Donzella made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann VanValkenburg, to spend up to \$5,300 to purchase three (3) new AEDs model CR2.** Voting yes: Mary Ann Vanvalkenburg, Bonnie Donzella, Ed Matson, Wendall Soule, Matt Starr, Alexis Swagemaker, Alan Gawel, Cathe Mazza, Gary Hock, Pete Bernard. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Jean Speck. **Motion carries.**

d. Teleconferencing: no update

Reports

1. Foundation: no update

2. Facilities: doors are under repair, front apron heater is off temporarily, we need a new vendor for the generator, met with the cleaning service people today, and some conflicting information from the Aquarian

inspector to be sorted out. Future concerns include repair of the SCBA cleaner, an ice machine, the center drain, and a new washer and dryer.

Eric Epstein made a motion, seconded by Matt Starr, to send out an RFP for lawn contract for two (2) years. Voting yes: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Bonnie Donzella, Eric Epstein, Alexis Swagemaker, Wendall Soule, Gary Hock, Matt Starr, Cathe Mazza, Alan Gawel, Ed Matson. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. **Motion carries.**

3. LCD: A. budget: Kent population increased 237 residents so our cost will increase for 2022-23. B. Communications/tech committee: no report. C. Protocol in communications: members are asked to review and adjust their radio use please. Protocol can be found on LCD website. D. 800 system: the state needs to review it.

4. Ambulance: A2 lost power today and it's going to D&S tomorrow.

5. Investment: a report will be ready at April's meeting.

6. Fire: 17 calls in February. The LCAFC group will review the incident of the State Trooper's fatality on April 11th-Wendall suggested we ought to send representation. Also, the LCAFC meeting in September will be at KVFD.

Expenditure Warnings:

1. Back building improvements
2. Radio frequency coordination

Adjourned at 20:57

Respectfully submitted,

Cathe Mazza

Secretary

Zoom recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/5gRaeA2XO0IUG7BV9e343oZGxQAmVZd_WUrUL2CHgo_w_g5HHS_Edt7gfOw3DeIX.MTMXekWCo9snyMJG passcode: ?e.^z3Q9

Also refer to minutes from March 7th and 15th for coverage of the March membership meeting agenda.