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Meeting of the Tyler Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors April 17, 2025

Present: Chris Lacey, Darrel Feaster, Sommer Straight, Tim Ickes and Vickie Gill, and Greg Martin
Also in Attendance: CJ Scalf, Chipper Adkins and Karen Bibbee

Call to Order Meeting

At 7:06pm Chris Lacey called the meeting to order.

Old Business

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made by Vickie and seconded by Tim, motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

New Business

Chris stated that we received \$21,719.24 from the Office of the State Treasurer. It stated that the money should be deposited by 4/17/25 and it was deposited on 4/16/25.

Greg asked Karen when the truck payment came out and she said that it was the 26th of each month.

Greg reviewed the treasurer report.

Greg asked Karen why we still have a truck on the books for \$228,639.68? Karen responded that she was going to ask the accountant.

Greg asked about the taxes and Karen said that they filed an extension for us. Greg suggests that the fees are high and that there should be no need for an extension. He suggests that we look into getting a new accountant and Vickie agreed.

Greg is going to call for quotes and Vickie is going to ask her friend.

Greg asked for statistics for the donation letter, but Jeff has been unable to get back to him. Greg reviewed the donation letter with us. Chris added the number of dispatched calls at 646.

Greg made a motion, and Vickie seconded the motion to have Dunbar Printing stuff the envelopes and to pay for the postage to mail the donation letters out. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

Greg said he would ask Joyce on the renewal for postage.

Greg made a motion and Vickie seconded in approval to pay the \$10,260 for Bunker Gear from the county. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

Greg asked if anyone knew of Thornburg Insurance Agency and asked if the fire department had been approached yet? Everyone responded with no. Greg then reviewed the email about this new insurance agency. Thornburg Insurance states that they are able to save Volunteer Fire Departments a lot of money. Greg was going to call and get a quote.

Karen is going to also call our current insurance agent and get the 1986 GMC truck and a trailer removed from our insurance policy.

Greg made a motion and Darrel seconded to pay a bill to \$8035.98 to Bill Bailey Insurance. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

Karen is going to scan our current insurance forms and email them to Greg so that he can get a quote from Thornburg Insurance.

Chipper gave the Chief report because Jeff was not present at the meeting.

All 3 gas monitors have been delivered and have been calibrated.

Craig's new pants came in wrong and must be altered.

The radio grant decided to go with the brand Motorola.

Chipper, CJ and James Hill applied for a Firehouse Subs Grant for eight new sets of gear.

Chipper stated that we are still waiting to hear about Swiftwater grant.

On 4/25/25 Jeff is going to make the board aware of his personal situation.

Daniel Keffer passed his FF1 and FF2 training and is eligible to become an Officer, Chief or Assistant Chief.

CJ is going to be teaching a FF2 class at our location in the coming months.

Jeff asked Chris to discuss ordering metal tags for some of our machinery/equipment. Chipper responded that we would figure something out.

Chris asked Darrel if he had picked up the bingo equipment yet and Darrel said no that he hadn't gotten with Kay yet. Chris offered to go get it as well.

Darrel stated that Egg Our House fundraiser had little participation.

Our open house is set for June 7th.

Chipper reviewed adding what the siren sounds mean to the donation letter. We all agreed that it would be beneficial to our residents.

Greg reviewed the projected budget.

Greg recommended adding principal and interest lines to be broken out separately for the new truck. Karen said that she would adjust it.

Vickie agreed that we should increase the community building rental rate. The current rate is \$125. Vickie made a motion and Sommer seconded to increase the rental rate to \$225 starting June 1st. All reservations made before June 1st will only be \$125.00. The motion carried.


Greg made a motion and Chris seconded to pay Atlantic Emergency Solutions for the gas monitors. The money has already been deposited from the state to offset the bill. The motion carried.

Greg made a motion and Vickie seconded to approve \$585.51 for two new fully stocked emergency bags. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

The board talked in general about creating a gofundme to allow people to donate towards specific items needed. Greg said that he and Chris were going to create an account. Our primary focus is to raise funds for the med bags, CMC Clutch, CMC Capto and harnesses.

Chris made a motion and Vickie seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:17p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sommer Straight, Secretary

Approved by:  Date: 5/19/25
Chris Lacey, President