

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Peter Hall and Dave Johnson present and directors Jay Wilson and Brad Allen absent. Also attending was Chief Jerry Hampton with Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson absent. No members of the public were in attendance. Dave moved to accept the agenda and the minutes with a minor change in wording, Peter seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

With Mary absent, Garla presented the financial statement. Among the unpaid bills on the statement was payment for labor to Chief Hampton and one to Amazon for tools in the amount of \$179.97. New bills not on the statement were an insurance payment to SDIS for \$14,700, a payment to Byrnes Oil in the amount of \$200.37 for vehicle fuel and a payment to Valleywide in the amount of \$939.72 for propane which will be used when we switch from oil to gas for heating. The propane is much lower in price, and there is no purchase cost for the tank and line. There was also a property tax payment to the district from the county for \$240.32. Peter moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Garla seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Garla announced that Brad Allen was resigning his position as director. The Chief and Garla suggested appointing his son, Bryson Allen, who had shown previous interest, for the position. Garla will reach out to him to see if he is interested in accepting the position. Peter said that our SAM renewal has been sent.

The Chief gave his report. There were 3 calls last month, 2 vehicle and 1 structure fire. The structure fire was at the city pump house which was caused by an electrical issue. The Chief presented the draft of a letter to be sent out to all patrons of the district regarding the levy proposal to be voted on in May. It should be sent out at the end of February. The Chief suggests that there be a community meeting at the school at the end of April. Dave suggested 7 pm, April 25th as the tentative date. The exact date and time will be determined at the next meeting and then placed on the letter that is sent out. The cities addition of new fire hydrants using the water fund grant will be very useful in fire suppression capabilities. The propane furnace should be coming by the end of the month from LB Trucking. The Chief is adding lights to some trucks for better nighttime vision. The Chief will ask to increase the budget for training next fiscal year.

Dave put together a non-discrimination statement required for the district using a template from a state website. Garla said that we were turned down for a Leo Adler grant. She will look for other grants that can be applied for. She will take a class in grant writing at the SDAO conference in February. Jay, Dave and Peter also plan to attend the conference. There will be coordination between the directors attending as to which courses to participate in so as to maximize the education of the board about our duties and how to carry them out.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm with the next meeting scheduled for 7 pm on February 12, 2024.