

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 7, 2013**

PRESENT: Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, David Lipking

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild, Steve Avgeris

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to approve the minutes of the May meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri passed out the financial information. We have \$14,940 in the checking account and \$51,135 in the State Treasury account. Teri pointed out that we have \$13,033 more in our account than this time last year. However, much of this will be used up.

We still have \$1,350 in volunteer reimbursement and \$500 left in protective clothing, which will be spent.

Teri informed the Board that the law allows us to pay \$30 a month for reimbursement of active firefighters. Teri calculated the amount for 2012, using the calendar year rather than the fiscal year since the Chief keeps the log on a calendar basis. Teri drafted a letter to accompany the checks, which the Board appreciated and we all signed the individual letters.

BUDGET

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to approve the final budget as it was sun shined. Peggy will submit it to the State.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Peggy suggested that we get on a schedule for the election of officers. The election for Board members occurs in May, so the June meeting is ideal for selecting the officers.

Cindy and Teri reported the votes: 26 for Pam, 27 for Peggy and 20 for the "write in" (Alissa). There were also "under votes". Peggy will call the elections office to find out about under votes.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to nominate Peggy Moore as Chair.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Thomas) to nominate Cindy Warzyn as Vice Chair.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Moore) to nominate Alissa Lipking as Secretary

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to nominate Teri Thomas as Treasurer

Although not a position contained in our bylaws, the Board approved Pam Haunschild to serve as our Grants Person.

PROPOSED FIRE STATION ON THE SKI ROAD

Peggy and Steve met with Sheila Maher on her property to assess whether it would be possible to put the station there. There is a nice section immediately in front of Sheila's property which is owned by ODT and which already has power to it. In addition, there would be no access problem because of snow. The second site is on Sheila's property, directly below a power line. It would have some issues with access if we had much snow. Steve checked with PPL to see if they would allow us to build a station immediately below a power line and they will not. ODT did not have an interest in allowing us to build a station on their property.

Peggy will confirm the amount PPL quoted the Stewarts for bringing power to the property. We would need a pretty firm figure to see if it's possible to afford the cost of bringing in power as well as the cost of the building.

Teri informed the Board that since it is a public building we must pay prevailing wage to any workers. A contractor could donate his/her time for the project but any wages paid must meet the legal requirements.

Several issues remain in terms of feasibility for building a fire house.

- How many fire fighters are available to respond who live on the ski road?
- A questionnaire should go out to those living on the Ski Road and see if any people not currently volunteering would volunteer if there was a station on the Ski Road.

Cindy suggested that we inquire if anyone would want to rent us a building that we could pay the heating for. Discussions of whether it would be a one year lease or multiyear for ISO purposes ensued.

Cindy asked whether we could build a structure that was super insulated and might use an oil heater, radiant heat source, etc. If power were not required, we are more likely to be able to afford the building. To afford both would be a stretch.

Alissa suggested we send a mailing out to Ski Road residents, indicating that we are exploring possibilities for housing the engine. The building would need to be 10 feet wide, 12 feet tall and 24 feet long.

Peggy suggested she contact Tim Stewart and ask what the cost of bringing power to the site would be. At the same time, she will draft a letter that could query the Ski Road community about the availability of a rental for the engine. Consideration of putting a structure on the Stewarts without the need for power is a third alternative.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve was attending his Granddaughter's High School graduation so there was no Chief's report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Friday, July 12th at the Hilt Church at 6 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore