

Ross Augusta Fire Board Meeting

March 7, 2022

Members Present: Diana Langshaw, Heather Bowers, Syndee, Chief Doug Bogema, Captain Rob Leatherman, Lieutenant Jake Leatherman, Lieutenant Branden Shirley.

Diana calls meeting to order 5:12 pm

Heather approves the motion, syndee 2nds the agenda.

Approve the minutes of special meeting – Syndee, Heather approves it.

Approve Bills – C Comm Bill, Bill for Rob. All approve

Jeff arrives @ 5:15 pm

Unfinished Business:

Received check for 452 and 472. \$2800 for transmission rebuild. \$25,000 for two trucks.

Purchased 5 sets of turnout gear – gear is not correct. Send gear back. Check not being sent until gear is correct.

2 more sets will be ready to be purchased with next DNR grant.

DNR grant received \$ 4,999 – We have to match \$4,999

Between Gear, gloves, hoods amount will be met.

Everyone will be in compliant gear.

New Hire: Hired Chad Wireman from Richland FD, and Isaac Shumaker.

2022-2023 Budget:

Salaries: Close to \$85,000 for 2021-2022 - Adjusted to \$95,000 for 2022-2023 Budget: Wants to adjust to \$100,000 Equipment budget changed to \$25,500 for change.

Syndee wants to look at surrounding departments to see the hourly rates to see if RAFD needs hourly pay increase.

Supplies: \$1,000

Spent \$610

Misc. items such as Printer Ink, etc.

Fuel:

Spent: \$5,000

New Budget: \$6,500

Prof. Services: Physicals, Audit, Etc.

Spent \$9,390

New Budget: \$10,000

Telephone: Active 911

New Budget: \$500

Insurance: Workman's Comp.

Paid: \$13,940

New Budget: \$25,000

Utilities:

Paid: \$1,846

New Budget: \$2,000

Repair / Maint: Deductible for insurance for Engine 412. \$250 Deductible.

Paid:

New Budget: \$20,000

Building Repair: South Station needs new windows + Service Doors.

Paid: Nothing Spent

New Budget: \$1,500

Training and Education:

Paid: \$4,742

New Budget: \$5,000

Misc.

Paid: \$240.34

New Budget: \$500.00

Equipment

Paid \$21,013

New Budget: \$30,500

Operating Budget Subtotal: \$197,500

Approx. \$402,000 total for budget. Left over money will go to Capital Outlay which is used for new apparatus and equipment.

2021-2022 Budget Current Standing Approx. \$113,000 spent not including payroll. Approx. \$25,000 below \$185,000

Motion to accept budget as amended – Syndee, Second by Heather. All approve.

Want / Need List

1. TIC – 2 MSA \$15,840.00 - Possibly apply for Fire House Subs Grant
2. Air Packs – Current are approx. 20 years old SCBA + Bottles = Approx. \$155,000
3. Battery Operated Stihl Chainsaw (2) - \$2,000
4. Battery Powered Vent Fan - \$10,000
5. Flashlight + Gear Bags - \$6,000
6. New Hose 1 ¼ , 2 ½ , 5 inch - \$5,000
7. AED – Ours are outdated, no longer built + Parts. Phillips is out of business. New Stryker AED , County wide departments are purchasing. Small discount on price. Approx. \$2,000 per AED. Pads are approx. \$50 - \$60. Look at purchasing more and then local businesses purchase from the department. Smart AED's that allow FD Officers to receive alerts when AED opened, when shocked, and pads expiring.
8. One Tornado Siren is inoperable – not working. – Approx. \$25,000 per siren. Used – Approx. \$10,000 - \$ 12,000

Township board said to ask fireboard on thoughts. Possible Arpa Funds?

Holmatro Extrication Tools – Purchased. Have not been delivered yet. Approx.

Richland Township Board + Fire Committee wants to meet with Ross Augusta Fire Board + Township Board. Regarding joint operation between two departments. Chief's will be eventually retiring. Want to discuss which way departments will be heading for future. Call increases, etc.

New Grass Truck – May Manufacturer Date Approx. Has been delayed.

New Computer + Shredder

Motion not to exceed \$1,000 for both laptop and shredder – Heather supports, Syndee approves. All approve.

Fire Board Future Meetings: Location to be determined

June 6th Next Fire Board meeting @ 5pm

September 7th @ 5 pm

December 5th @ 5 pm

Fire Chief Report:

Looking to adjust officer roles.

Assistant Chief spot open

Captain Spot Open

Make two assistant chief spots

1 Captain and 1 Lieutenant Position

Determine this before the next Fire Board Meeting.

Member Time: Nothing to report

Firefighter Time: Nothing to report.

Syndee adjourns at 6:33 pm all approve.

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