

New Richmond Fire & Rescue Service
 106 South Arch Avenue
 New Richmond, Wisconsin 54017

FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
 Un-Official Meeting Minutes of
March 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT		PRESENT	
X	Jim Jackson New Richmond - City Council (District 3)	X	Patsy Johnson Village of Star Prairie - Board Member
X	Ron Volkert New Richmond - City Council (District 5)	X	Dave Stephens Town of Richmond - Supervisor
	Jim Zajkowski New Richmond - City Council (District 6)	X	Dick Hesselink Town of Stanton - Chairman
X	Jim Vander Wyst New Richmond Fire & Rescue - Chief	X	Tom Heintz Town of Star Prairie - Chairman
X	Robin Haffner New Richmond Fire & Rescue	X	Barry Ausen Alden Township - Supervisor
X	Roger Lindloff New Richmond Fire & Rescue		
X	Doug Frandsen New Richmond Fire & Rescue		
X	Keith Karpenski Town of Alden - Chairman		
	John VanDyk Town of Erin Prairie - Chairman		
	David Naser Town of Richmond - Supervisor		

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

August 15, 2018 Meeting Notes

- Attendees reviewed. No additions or corrections.
 1st Tom Heinz 2nd Dave Stephens Motion made and seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2019 Tentative Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, June 19, 2019
- Wednesday, August 21, 2019
- Wednesday, October 16, 2019

October 1 would be the hard budget date. If in June we don't need the August meeting, we will decide at that time. All agreed on the above dates.

2. Save the Date: 2019 Annual Chili Feed: April 13, 2019 (4-8 pm)
 - Keep this date open for the Annual Chili Feed (see flyer). If anyone wants to be a Chili Feed Judge, let us know. Roger Lindloff is in charge of coordinating judges.

3. Annual Report: The Annual Report is available on the City of New Richmond Fire Department website and will be emailed to all Town/Village Chairs and City Council (see handout).
 - Chief Vanderwyst reviewed the contents of the Annual Report.
 - Any questions or comments? Nice report.

4. Fire/Rescue Personnel Update (see item 8. Hiring this Fall 2019; Safer Grant)

5. Town of Alden (Keith Karpenski and Barry Ausen)
 - Fire Coverage Update:
Town Chairman explained the building is behind schedule. They agreed to pay the first quarter – to April 1. Will figure out where to go after that.
 - Alden Chair explained that Polk County Dispatch is requiring a 60 day notice.

6. Surplus Equipment
Chief VanderWyst explained the surplus equipment on hand:
 - Work Box Removed – that came off the small rescue truck a couple of years ago. It is still sitting out back and never sold. A few interested, but never came back with the money.
 - Old Steel Water Tank – needs to go to the junk yard.
 - Old Pumper – pumper 92 has been sitting around for a while. Listed with Brindlee Mountain. \$40,000 as the price, with no bites.
 - Decommissioned Brush Truck – our brush truck that we are in the middle of decommissioning. The new one is being built.
 - New Tires/Rims from New Brush Truck – need to deal with these because they are being replaced.
 - Old Turn-out-Gear – needs to go to the dumpster. However, there is a person by the name of Kathy Johnson that cuts them up and makes purses and knapsacks, etc. and then donates them back to the department for fundraisers. We would like to see them go to her.
 - Old Police Hand-me-down Radios – about 6-8 months ago, they were cleaning out the garage and these boxes ended up in my office. Now we are stuck with getting rid of those also.

Motion: Jim Jackson made a motion to dispose items per the Chief's explanation. And Ron Volkert seconded the motion. Recommendation will go to the City Council in April.

7. Sky Lanterns: Recommendation To Boards To Ban Usage

- Chief VanderWyst reviewed the dangers of sky lanterns. Request was made that all municipalities ban the use of sky lanterns.
- Tom Heinz made a motion ban the use of sky lanterns and Dave Stephens seconded the motion.

8. Hiring this Fall 2019; Safer Grant

- Chief VanderWyst explained that NRF&R was down three members and would be beginning the process to hire by mid-summer. The intent was to get an eligibility list, which would take us through 2020, as the SAFER Grant ends November 2020.

ADDITIONS:

- Brush truck is about one month out. Foreman Fire estimates it will be finished the end of April. Started building the new bed, seating arrangement, how we are going to fight a fire a safer way. The tank should be here this week and the tires by the end of the month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1st Dick Hesselink 2nd Patsy Johnson Meeting is adjourned.