

HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes



March 15, 2024

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., all attended via Zoom

Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers , Chief Brian Cook, Deputy Chief Matt Brooks, Melissa Kash

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Beth Burtch and seconded by Cindy McArthur. Voted "yes" unanimously. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes 02.16.24: A motion was made to approve the minutes from 02.16.24 as presented by Susan Borgardt and seconded by Cindy McArthur. Voted "yes" unanimously. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments: None

Board Concerns/Comments: None

Financials:

- A. **Accept Financials:** A motion to accept financials as presented was made by Ann Grothe and seconded by Cindy McArthur. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.
- B. **Approve Bills:** A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Ann Grothe and seconded by Beth Burtch. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.
- C. **Approve Fund Transfers:** A motion to approve the funds transfer of \$85,000.00 to the General Fund, \$5000.00 to the Debit Card, for a total of \$90,000.00 was made by Ann Grothe and seconded by Cindy McArthur. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.

Facility Report presented by Asst Chief Matt Brooks- see attached

Chiefs Report:

- A. Calls to Date in 2023 were 63 and 2024 is 62.
- B. Impact fee in 2023 was 4 and 2024 is 2.

- C. Had a large mutual aid structure fire in Lake Georges District. Our guys performed excellently. Engine 7-1 had the first water on the fire. We did most of the firefight and overhaul. We have now been on 5 structure fires this year on mutual aid.
- D. Insurance billing is back up and running for car accidents. Since we started after the last board meeting, we have billed for 7 accidents. The total from 7 accidents billed is \$3,637.
- E. AFG Grant for last year is complete. Radios are in service.
- F. AFG Grant was submitted for new extrication equipment totaling \$183,900.00, and a new engine totaling \$592,513.00.
- G. Starting the SAFER Grant process, what does the board think of positions 3 or 6?
- H. We are currently 35 firefighters including our paid staff.
- I. Did a mini-Academy Day Saturday and ran 7 new members through the basics of it. It went great.
- J. Ran 42 people through Ice training went great. Thank you to the auxiliary for feeding the crews.
- K. I am very proud of our work with the other districts. We have such a great working relationship.

Old Business:

- A. Policy Updates will be tabled until April Board Meeting.


New Business:

- A. Station 6 design was presented by Chief Cook for review. He plans to be the GC and hire out private contractors for the work.
- B. Facility Maintenance Equipment- Chief Cook would like to purchase a Bobcat w Trailer to support maintenance issues at the stations. Beth Burtch made a motion to purchase 1995 Bobcat w trailer and ramps for \$9750.00 and seconded by Mike Rogers. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.
- C. Board Position- letter of intent for upcoming open board position from Ron Graham who has 30 years experience as a Firefighter, he retired as a LT. Plan is to ask interested persons for the open board position to attend the April Board meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Borgardt and seconded by Ann Grothe. Voted "yes" unanimously, motion carried. Adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

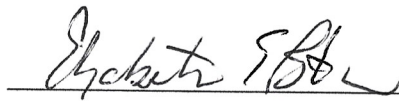
Next Board Meeting is April 12 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

**THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING,
SIGNIFIED BY BOARD MEMBERS SIGNATURES BELOW.**



Cindy McArthur- Board President

Attest:



Board Member