

**MINUTES
SOMERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Brass, Dan Vachal (6:14), Dave Hayes, Cardi Chmielewski

Department Members Present: Tom Havens

The meeting was called to order by Bill Brass at 6:05 p.m.

The Minutes of August 8, 2016, were read. Dave made a motion to approve these Minutes. Cardi seconded and motion carried.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$14,558.10. A motion was made by Dave to pay these bills. Cardi seconded and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Land/House: Our Realtor did not like the idea of the District leaving a letter for buyers explaining the extra use of the Fire Department. The Board agreed to lower the price to \$314,900.

Somers Station: Tom has not gotten any information on the new tile floor.

Lakeside Station: Mr. Gibson talked to the County, and a law says that County buildings are exempt from zoning. A letter was read from the Board of Adjustments saying that they have no power to deny the set back.

NEW BUSINESS:

We received an invoice from the Fairmont Hot Springs Trustee Association asking that we join for \$500. This was tabled.

An application for a new Fire Fighter was given to Bill to check out.

Tom mentioned that the fuel bills will be higher next month (about \$11,000). 80% private and 20% in-District.

Dan made a motion to write a \$1,000 check for repair of \$561. Dave seconded and motion carried. No one looked at the truck for repair, but put in a quote from the pictures. It will be repaired at Oh's for an estimated amount of \$5,200.

The forest fire we had is still under investigation, but it seems that it might be man-made. It started on August 22, and it was estimated to cost \$835,000 per week.

The port-a-Tank was damaged at this fire, but the DNRC will repair it.

The Chief said that all pumps were tested in the trunks, and they all passed. Truck #8's pump is going to have to be repaired in the near future.

The airpacks need to be retested in October

Tom presented a bill from Western States in the amount of \$7,716.72 to repair Tender #3. [Dave made a motion to pay this bill.](#) [Dan seconded and motion carried.](#) This is included in the bill total.

A bill was presented from Cenex for 900 gallons (\$1.34.9 per gallon) of propane for the Lakeside station in the amount of \$1,214.10. [Cardi made a motion to pay this bill.](#) [Dan seconded and motion carried.](#) This is included in the bill total.

Dave wondered if we should talk to Mr. Dave Allen to see if he would trade five acres for five acres in Somers. Bill and Dave will talk to him

Bill said that Bernie has resigned from the Board effective 9/13/16. We will post the notice for a new Trustee on the door.

An election was held for the co-chairman position that Bernie vacated. Dan Vachal was nominated, but declined. Dan nominated Dave Hayes, and he was appointed by a unanimous vote.

Budget: The County approved our budget as followed: #7202 - \$337,000; #7236 - \$100,000 for the building remodel.

Tom will be putting on a wildland program. It will be advertised in the paper.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Dolores Webb, Secretary