

DUNNEGAN RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
February 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with prayer.

Board Members present: James Behan, Nickol Grover, Nathan Stoltzfus, Nick Petri, Matt Simmons, Dan Stoltzfus, Sam Stoltzfus

Board Members absent:

Other department members present: Chris McAtire-Deputy Chief, Ben Esh, Dakota Newman, Tony Milosevich, Mike Stoltzfus, Liliana Stoltzfus, Ryan Dickover

Minutes from last meeting were read. Matt Simmons moved minutes be approved as read, seconded by Nick Petri, **Motion Approved.**

Treasurer's report: Nick Petri presented the income and expenses for the month ending January 2023.

Opening Balance:	\$ 00.00
Income:	4,065.00
Expenses:	17,159.64
Closing Balance:	(\$13,094.12)

Dan Stoltzfus moved Treasurer's report be approved as presented, seconded by Nickol Grover. **Motion Approved.** The Treasurer noted there were only 115 paid members. He also stated the up coming Workman's Compensation bill of \$2500 would be due in the first quarter.

Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Chris McAtire reported the activities for the month. He asked the Board to approve the purchase of a New inventory/truck/records/response log program for \$120 per year. Matt Simmons moved approval, seconded by Nick Petri. **Motion Approved.** There will be a four county wide class covering Blue Light, CPR, Medical Responder and LZ head at the Dunnegan fire house class room. Three new fire fighters have joined, Ryan Dickover, Maddison Stiner, and Mike Sheffer. Welcome. The Full Chiefs report is attached to these minutes. Matt Simmons moved Chief's report be approved seconded by Nick Petri. **Motion Approved.**

Old Business:

2023 Budget - there is a 2023 budget prepared. Nick will get the President a copy.

By-Laws. The requested dues increase and date change was approved at the annual meeting. These changes will be made to the By-Laws along with correcting errors and making them more readable.

Annual Meeting. The meeting was well attended. There was discussion about the dues increase and timing. A vote was taken to approve these items and include them in the By-Laws, the majority vote was in favor. Upcoming funds raisers were mentioned. At the end of the meeting there were nominations from the floor for new Board of Directors. After the votes were counted the new Board members were announced.

New Business:

Station 3 fencing. After a short discussion about needs, Ryan Dickover said he would get the T posts and 2 rolls of wire to do the job. A date later in the spring to have a work day will be determined.

Board cross training, job descriptions etc. was mentioned. More on this later.

Taxes. The department had substantial income in 2022 and will have to file a different form. Nick Petri will contact Keeling Financial Services to determine cost and information required to file this return.

Internet and communications issues. Tony Milosevich covered some of the services, needs and equipment required for Internet connectivity, antenna requirements, etc. More information and cost is required. This is an on going project.

Grants. The Chief handles this activity. A discussion took place about getting assistance in preparing these. More on this later.

Heating issues. The in-ceiling furnace needs parts and a better method to keep the filter in place. Nick Petri is checking with someone to fix this issue.

Other Business:

Ben Esh brought up questions about internal accounting for Fire Fighters. This needs follow-up and more information. Carry this over to next meeting.

Ben Esh stated there is a need to find someone to mow grass around Station1. After a short discussion this will be followed up and reported on next meeting.

Tony Milosevich stated The Fair Play Farmers Market would like to transfer grant related items to the Dunnegan Rural Fire Department. After a short discussion Nick Petri moved the Board accept this transfer, seconded by Matt Simmons. **Motion Approved.**

Cedar County Boundaries. Dan Stoltzfus is working on defining Cedar County boundaries this should be done as soon as possible. There maybe surveyor cost involved to do this. More on this later.

Property damage. Chris Zanatta complained about deep ruts left on his property when fire fighters were responding to a fire on a neighbors property. Nathan Stoltzfus will follow up on this.

On motion to adjourn the meeting was closed with prayer at 8:56pm.