

OCTOBER 18, 2023

PMVFD Annual Members Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Roy Golightly at 7:00pm.

Roll call/quorum of board members confirmed. Present were Roy Golightly, Jim Miller, Carole Peterson, Jennifer Golightly, Doug Hagee, Judy Miller, John Parr, Mike Peterson, Melissa Costa, Chris Lavine, Ralph Sparks, Mike Williams and Mary Beauchamp. Absent was Gerri Parr.

PMVFD members Mike Cull and Jim Simpson also attended the meeting.

Pledge of allegiance and prayer were given by Roy Golightly.

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Members Meeting were read by Jennifer Golightly, Secretary. Melissa Costa made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

The election of new PMVFD Board Members was held next. Roy stated the following members had submitted their Notice of Intent for a position on the Board of Directors - Roy Golightly, Mike Peterson, Chris Lavine and Jim Simpson. Doug Hagee moved to elect the new board members by acclamation. Second by Mary Beauchamp. Motion passed unanimously.

The state of the fire department was given by Doug Hagee. We are all digital on our radios with the addition of three new towers. There are 6 towers total - North, Central, South, Bull Shoals, Pyatt, and Bruno. All of our hand radios and truck radios have been reprogrammed. We have been using E-Dispatches this year on our cell phones and it's working fine; however, there is another program coming out called the CAD system which is a part of our radio package. The county will pay for the CAD system so next year we may not do the E Dispatch system at all. The CAD system sends a message to everyone's cell phone but it's not as user friendly as E Dispatch. The CAD system also sends a printout via email to Doug whenever we finish a run. Leftover Covid money was spent on the radio system upgrades by the county. Once all the bugs are worked out of the new radio system, we may be able to set it up where the people having trouble getting tone-outs can receive messages from the Bull Shoals tower. As far as the trucks go - we still have our 3 pumpers - Engine 1 in Station 1, Engine 63 and Engine 64 (which were donated to us) in Station 2. Pumps have to meet a certain pressure and volume so they are tested on an annual basis. The pumpers are all doing good and both tankers were serviced last year. The front tires on Brush Truck 4 need to be replaced. Doug and John Parr found some surplus 2016 military tires online that are \$500 as opposed to \$2500 or \$3500 each for current dated tires. We no longer have B2, the little brush truck which was given back to Forestry. The Rescue Truck is running okay but we're thinking about getting rid of it too. We're currently in the process of buying another brush truck for \$65,000. It is a Ford 2009 F-550 with a 425 gallon water

tank, a pump, with good storage plus it has 4 wheel drive. We plan to use it as our rescue/other brush truck. The county gave us \$35,000 and we raised another \$17,200 through a fund drive for a total of \$52,500 with the remainder being paid out of our bank account. It is being shipped to us from Utah. One side of the new truck will have our medical gear and the other side will be a brush truck. We may put our jaws of life on it if we have room. It will also give us more versatility during bad weather too. Right now, we have some issues to work out with the old rescue truck. We have a title but it's not in our name. Everyone who was involved with it are no longer associated with the fire department. It was donated to us but the title was never transferred into our name. We may just give it back to who donated it to us. We still have our pump trailer which is running well. We also have a boat that Ron Dana donated to us 2 years ago but we are planning to sell it. Jim Miller and Ralph Sparks have been working on the security system at all the stations. We still have plenty of leftover Covid supplies. We bought 3 sets of turnout gear at the end of last year (2022) and received them in 2023. We're currently waiting on 3 more sets of turnout gear which take about 5 months to receive. We had one more firefighter join the fire department so we probably will buy him a set of turnout gear too. Everybody has turnout gear now and they're all in good shape. We still need to think about buying new SCBA's in the future because ours are old but they all still work. Please remember If you call 911 - make sure you get the Marion County, Arkansas 911 and not Marion County, Missouri. Right now we have 15 firefighters with one in training. We can do our own training with certain courses we have to teach. We need to have 20 hours a year of continuing education but any new firefighters first need to have Intro to Firefighting, PPE and a wildfire course taught by Forestry before the continuing education courses. We have 8 EMR's and some of them are firefighters too. We've had 23 runs total for the year so far. Eleven of those were EMR's, some were auto aids plus one was a smoldering truck. Mary Beauchamp stated that we had two EMR's who stepped down but we also gained two new ones. We will have a total of 10 again once their training is complete. We will have CPR training at the beginning of next year. We did have 3 calls this quarter and a "drive by" when someone stopped at our meeting and needed assistance with getting someone into a house after ankle surgery. Motion to accept by Chris Lavine, second by Mike Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Truck Fundraiser has already been covered. We raised a total of \$17,200 but Carole said she will move \$1,000 from the General Fund donated to EMR to the Truck Fund per Mary's request for a total of \$18,200.

There were no other issues or concerns raised by members attending the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the annual members meeting made by Melissa Costa, second by Doug Hagee. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.