

## July 17, 2024 PMVFD Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm.

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

Pledge and Prayer were given by Roy Golightly.

Roy stated that the Minutes of the April 17, 2024 Board Meeting had previously been presented to the board. Doug Hagee moved we accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2024 meeting as submitted, second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Lavine. Beginning balance of \$57,478.19 as of 3/31/24, deposits of \$19,625.46, disbursements of \$4,171.76 for a balance of \$72,931.89 as of 6/30/24. The deposits included the sales tax and 833 funds for Q1, ambulance sale, Cascade System sale, Arvest Foundation Grant and the BBQ Dinner fundraiser. We are 11% down in fire fees and 13% in fire department donations. This excludes the mower and truck funds raised last year. We received 2nd and 3rd quarter 833 funds of over \$7,000 dollars plus 2 more fire fees and a donation of \$500 which will be included in the 3rd quarter report. Blue and You Grant will be paid in the 3rd quarter. We received propane deliveries in June for Stations 1 and 2 in the amounts of 225 and 85 gallons at \$1.99 a gallon. Tanks are at 80% now. We also prepaid for 750 gallons at \$2.29 a gallon making our monetary balance just shy of \$2,000. We have about 850 prepaid gallons left on the books. Chris also wanted to mention that due to all the rain last night, our facebook page had gained over 125 followers just today. A question was asked about why the amount of membership fees paid is down this year. Carole stated that we receive the most fire fees from late October to February. All fees received in the 4th Quarter goes into next year's fees. Motion to accept by Judy Miller, second by Melissa Costa. Motion approved unanimously.

The Events Committee Report was given by Melissa Costa. We had 135 people attend the BBQ Dinner. We made a total of \$2,182 which includes a \$300 donation at the end of the night. It was a very profitable fundraiser. The Pancake Breakfast will be held on August 10. We have a volunteer to cook the bacon for the breakfast who is most likely a Marion County Justice of the Peace. The Chili Supper will be held on October 5. Lakeway holds theirs on the Saturday that deer season opens. If someone gives a donation when we have these fundraisers, it is counted towards the fundraiser and not as a separate donation. The BBQ Dinner price should be raised; however, the Chili Supper prices should remain the same. The Gumbo Dinner may still be held next year but it is uncertain at this point. Motion to accept by Mike Williams, second by Jim Simpson. Motion approved unanimously.

The Fire Report was given by Doug Hagee. We had a total of 5 calls. One started out as a controlled burn but turned into a wildfire the following day due to the wind. The last time we had training we thought we had a problem with Engine 63 but turned out that it only needed a minor adjustment. Also, we had to add a battery to the brush truck. OSHA wants to upgrade all the fire codes from the National Fire Protective Association and make them into law. They will not apply to the volunteer fire departments so it's not a big issue for us. We already meet the expectations of what they consider to be the standard for volunteer fire departments. It was rumored that the fire trucks couldn't be over 15 years old; however, OSHA on their website states that the only thing they're going to require is that the fire trucks be in good working order. Close to 70% of the fire departments in the US are volunteer per Chris. Arkansas does have a lot of paid fire departments but it's not possible for us to qualify as a Firefighter 1 or 2 due to the ages of our volunteers. We've done some of our training for the year but another PPE and Internal Firefighting class needs to be held for a new firefighter who just joined. We will have to buy new gear for him. Motion to accept by Ralph Sparks, second by Judy Miller. Motion approved unanimously.

The Emergency Medical Responders Report was given by Mary Beauchamp. We had 4 calls. One of them was a lift assist. Another was a rolled tractor at a member's house that pinned the driver but he was able to pull himself out. The third was a truck full of lumber that went off the road during the evening and slid down the hill on its undercarriage. The last one was a 38 year old female with severe back pain whose family wanted an ambulance to take her to the hospital. We finally received the 3 bags she ordered with the funding from Blue and You. We have one spare now. We will have to supplement with the automatic blood pressure cuff because they are so much nicer than the inflatable ones. Blue and You is very straight forward with their funding and they may want any leftover money back that we did not use. We also received the defibrillator with pediatric pads with the bag that holds it plus \$250 off the purchase price from the AED Super Store. Mary will have to teach some more CPR classes and she is going to teach the EMR class but she needs three as a minimum for it. She also would like to make sure we are updating our sites when we move the dates for meetings. Mary can teach a first aid CPR course through the Red Cross but the American Heart Association requires that you teach 2 classes a year for 2 years. Motion to accept by Mike Peterson, second by Doug Hagee. Motion approved unanimously.

The Webmaster Report was given by Mike Williams. He cancelled hosting from the old site which was going to end this month anyway. We still have the old domain name of .com which is good through 2027. Mike started working on a new donation page but it's not finished yet. He asked Melissa to send him any images she may have to add to the donation page. Mike still needs pictures to post - they keep people engaged and help in the rankings. Photos also help the newsletter. Mike can track visits to the site but he hasn't done that yet. Donations/annual fees do work through the website now. He is

working on a drop down box to identify the kind of payment. The new .org website has a wealth of information on it and is a very professional looking site. Jim Miller wants to post something on Facebook about the new PMVFD website. Motion to accept by July Miller, second by Mary Beauchamp. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Old Business

The propane replacement was discussed earlier by Chris.

The two SCBA's are on order and should be coming in soon. Doug ordered them from his source in Mountain View 3 months ago. He was told it would take 3 months to receive them so they should be here soon. Doug said we should be able to use all the 833 money plus the Arvest Foundation money on the purchase of the SCBA's. Per Chris, we have just under \$10,900 for the SCBA's. We will still be a little bit short but that's okay.

The T2 leaking water tank repair is underway by Mike Peterson. He has everything stripped down. He is making the tank 1 foot taller, 2 feet shorter for 2,000 gallons which leaves 2 feet on the back for the pump. The floor is already on. We currently down to one tanker until it's completed.

#### New Business

Roy passed out last year's newsletter flyers for review. Doug said the website on the flyer needs to be changed from .com to .org. Chris said he thought the reason our fees were down this year was because we did not send out the newsletter last year. Chris said he receives about 10 flyers a week and he just throws them out without looking at them. He also said our fundraisers last year may have impacted our donations this year. Doug said he thought we should do the newsletter flyers at least for one more year. Carole stated that we mailed out 28 of the 50 newsletters we had printed up last year. Melissa asked if we could mention on the newsletter flyer about being able to pay fire dues or make donations through PMVFD website/Facebook. Chris said he thinks donations will pick back up. There were several suggestions as to colors/photos on the newsletter flyer. Roy said that the main reason we switched to the flyers were due to the cost savings in sending out the flyers as opposed to the newsletters. A final decision was made to try the flyers one more year. Roy said he will rough out a new flyer and investigate a new color option.

Our PMVFD roadside signs are getting old and faded. Jim Miller said he would have new signs made if we could agree on content. Annual fees required for fire protection needs to be on it plus we should change the sign colors to red with white letters. Melissa said she will come up with copy for a new sign.

Notice of Intent (NOI's)A are due for running for the board by 6pm August 31.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Doug Hagee, second by Jim Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.