

MONROE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2018

The Monroe Rural Fire District meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Tracy Signer at 10:10 a.m. at the City of Monroe Fire Department Station Number One.

Roll Call of town officers present: Tracy Signer, Todd Hasse, Ron Brandt, Chad Spotts, Mike Lambert

Absent: Nate Hartwig, Jim Rutledge

Also present: Fire Chief Dan Smits and Town of Monroe Clerk, Peggy Murphy

Motion by Todd Hasse, seconded by Ron Brandt to approve the July 17, 2017 meeting minutes that were handed out at this meeting.

Motion by Chad Spotts, seconded by Todd Hasse to accept the Treasurer's report of \$7,334.00.

Review / Approve fire protection contract and length of contract for the Monroe Rural Tanker District – officers reviewed proposal from Chief Smits for contract with a 5 year projection. Recommending to approve a contract for 1 year as proposed for 2019 amounts only. Will need an updated contract for a motion to be made to approve and additional discussion on projected amounts beyond 2019.

Updates / Concerns from the City of Monroe Fire Chief –

- Tender #8 – repair vs replace
- Problems with fueling up at the County, Kwik Trip has been better
- Brush truck problem with lighting, needs to be looked at – can't see from side
- Would it help to bring Town of Sylvester back into district and potentially further / additional areas? – mutual aid from Monroe still in place
- Calls from residents for swimming pools being filled or grass fires / controlled burns – was instructed to decline these requests due to liability

Monroe Rural Fire District municipality concerns –

- Need an updated contract that specifies the approval of 1 year
- Tender #8 – LED lighting and rust repairs to be addressed first. Motion by Todd Hasse, seconded by Mike Lambert to have Chair Signer work on estimates/repairs from Nick Bartels and Davis Welding (for the undercarriage). If estimates are under \$10,000, go ahead with the repairs.
- 2% dues contributions from each town are disproportionate. Motion by Chad Spotts, seconded by Ron Brandt that starting in 2019, each township will contribute the 2% funds they receive from the state and add additional funds up to \$6,000 from each entity to build the fire district account.
- Accidents billed a flat fee in addition to tax bills for residents or just out of state/area
- Potential for Rural Fire District to put together the bills to parties involved and “credit back” the applicable township when payment is received
- Each party will do more research on how much more can bill??
- Additional meetings to discuss and work on what is best for the rural fire district going forward
 - Need to supply to Fire Chief the specific information on what is needed in order to bill out (include hours – start / end – with clean up time included); would like input from both Town of Monroe and Town of Clarno

Next meeting – Thursday, November 8th at 10 a.m.

Adjourn – Motion by Ron Brandt, seconded by Mike Lambert to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Peggy Murphy, Town of Monroe, Clerk (on behalf of Jim Rutledge)