



North Bench Volunteer Fire District

Dedication to service and community!

NBVFD Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES 4.10.23

NBVFD Firehouse #1

Attendees: Walter Burrow, Fred Nystrom (President), Greg Mead (Treasurer), Mikayla Wilkerson (Secretary), John Lozier (Vice President), Dave Lorenz, Jack Douglas (Attorney), Ken Homik, Tony Shope (Dept. Chief)

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment
 - Rob Pluid came to speak on behalf of a group that was at the annual meeting. He voiced appreciation for all the work that is done by the volunteers of the department. He came to the annual meeting to vote. The meeting ran longer than he thought and he and the group he was with had to leave early. They were told they could vote early. He was told later that their ballots didn't count, which made him and the group upset. Fred explained what happened which was that the write-in they voted for did not announce ahead of time that he was interested in running so he was never officially nominated for a position. There was only 3 people total nominated for 3 vacant seats, so the 3 won by default. Rob left on good terms and the board is grateful to him for taking the time to get this issue resolved.
- Auxillary Report-Mikayla
 - The fair booth is booked for 2023, the department just needs to register with the state tax commission. Mikayla will take care of this.
 - There was some discussion on the status of the departments 501c-3 forms which are still being processed.
- Previous (3.13.23) Meeting Minutes
 - This was accidentally left off the agenda and was added before the treasurer's report.
 - *Greg motioned to approve, John seconded, all approved. Motion passed.*



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- Treasurers report-Greg
 - It was not emailed out ahead of time, but a paper copy was provided to all present.
 - There was some discussion on the tree service payment which was for the training burn coming up in May.
 - There was some discussion on the “other expense” line in the budget. It still has not been removed; it was agreed by the board at the budget meeting in 2022 to be removed. Greg will follow up about this as well as switching the charges in Postage to Mailings for the annual meeting.
 - There was some discussion on donations and budget items.
- Chief’s Report-Tony
 - The Training house burn has been scheduled for May 20-21.
 - There was discussion on billing and dues for commercial vs residential.
 - Tony will follow up about the invoice for firefighter physicals.
- Old Business
 - Luau
 - John met with Super 1 for the pork which has the best price of around \$2-lb
 - There was discussion on final needed items. Tony will do the large Costco shop. Mikayla will email out a final task sheet.
- New Business
 - Airport Lease
 - There was a complaint about fairness of leases with the airport which is what has brought North Bench’s lease to attention. The FAA is going to want fair market value for the lease of the land Firehouse #1 sits on. There was group discussion on how to proceed as well as discussion about the future purchase of land and building of a new station.



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- Ken, Greg, and Mikayla will meet to come up with a few options to streamline the billing process for next year. Once this is complete, they will present it to the board at a special meeting to go over a new dues schedule for 2024 as it is scheduled to be examined every 3 years.
- Meeting time change was discussed and will be added to next months meeting.
- *John motioned to purchase 2 Level 5 swift water vests for the department. Walter seconded, all approved. Motion passed.*

Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mikayla seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.