

March 25, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Leon Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Fred Filock at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Ryan Emmick, Jack Herman and Doug Keppel present. Butch Ellis joined the meeting at 7:30. Margaret Filock Treasurer/Secretary. Jason Lindsley and Lee Ellis representing the Fire Department.

Ryan Emmick made a motion to approve February minutes, second by Jack Herman. Carried all ayes.

Ayes: Herman, Keppel, Filock and Emmick. Nays:

Doug Keppel made a motion to accept treasurer report and audit, second by Ryan Emmick. Carried all ayes.

Ayes: Herman, Keppel, Filock and Emmick. Nays:

Margaret Filock reported that she went to Little Valley branch of Cattaraugus County bank and reconciled the monthly bank charge. There will no longer be a charge for our checking account and we do not need to keep a minimal balance of \$1000.00. Also all tax funds have been received by the district. Fire tax and DEC. grant.

A discussion was held on whether we should pay the 2 bills presented to us from a mutual aid fire. No response has been received from Conewango Fire Department on paying these bills. The bills are in our name and we decided to pay them and get reimbursement from Conewango Insurance Company.

Fred reported that Grant letter has been sent changing ID and pass word.

Ryan Emmick made a motion to pay all bills, second by Doug Keppel. Carried all ayes.

Ayes: Herman, Keppel, Filock and Emmick. Nays:

Ryan Emmick talked with the group on the grant writer situation. On whether the District would like to try for a grant. The cost is \$2500.00. This conversation went on for a while covering needs to include turn out gear, hoses, etc.

Jack Herman made a motion to hire the grant writer, second by Butch Ellis. Carried all ayes.

Ayes: Ellis, Herman, Keppel, Filock and Emmick. Nays:

The tanker radio has been repaired and receives Cattaraugus County only due to old radio wiring not being removed correctly.

Butch Ellis is to contact E-one on repairs to engine 1.

A discussion was held on hose tests. According to Jason we cannot use our engines to do hose tests. We have to use a machine that we do not have access to. This will be looked into. There seems to be issues with fire law and interpretation of the laws.

Jason discussed pulling all equipment off units and inspecting. There was some confusion on the regulations. There also seems to be an issue with the hoses we have in stock. And turn out gear we have in stock.

Fred reported on our need at the district to comply with the emergency response system to coordinate with the town in an emergency. We need to wire our electrical panel to adapt to a

generator for power. The fire department building needs to be self-sufficient during an emergency. To supply heat, water and lighting for the building to be used as a community center for housing and feeding residents, if needed.

Lee reported the need for turn out gear for the new volunteers due to their size and they need the gear to go through fire fighter one training. The Commissioners need to have an inventory supplied on turn out gear, hoses, etc. to decide how to proceed.

Fred questioned why we are using our ambulance as a transport unit. We supply an ambulance for emergency response, not to transport patients. Lee Ellis responded that it was his decision to transport a patient to Buffalo. This is not the way our unit will be used. Butch and Jack also responded that we are an emergency response unit, not a transport unit. Transport will be done by contracted ambulances.

Jason discussed I am responding program. They can get it for 2 months free. And after that he discussed splitting the cost between the district and the department. Which would cost the District \$400.00 for the year. The company would pick up the call cost and the \$400.00 split cost per year.

Ryan Emmick made a motion to adjourn, second by Doug Keppel. Carried all ayes.

Ayes: Ellis, Herman, Keppel, Filock and Emmick. Nays:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret M. Filock/Sec.Treasurer