

May 26, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Leon Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Ryan Emmick at 7:12 pm. Commissioners Butch Ellis and Doug Keppel present. Margaret Filock Treasurer/Secretary. Gary Brookover was representing the Fire Department. Fred Filock was a guest.

Butch Ellis commented that he had several individuals to contact on the open Commissioner position.

Butch Ellis made a motion to appoint Fred Filock as District Secretary, second by Doug Keppel. Motion carried all ayes.

Ayes: Emmick, Keppel, Ellis. Nays:

Butch Ellis made a motion to accept the April minutes, second by Doug Keppel. Motion carried all ayes.

Ayes: Emmick, Keppel, Ellis. Nays:

Doug Keppel made a motion to approve Treasure report and Audit, second By Butch Ellis. Motion carried all ayes.

Ayes: Emmick, Keppel, Ellis. Nays:

Doug Keppel made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$3734.83, second by Butch Ellis. Motion carried all ayes.

Ayes: Emmick, Keppel, Ellis. Nays:

Fred Filock reported the tax freeze form has been filed with the Comptroller as required. This is a new form that came out this year that we were not aware of. The Town of Leon will be the lead municipality for the new Tax Freeze efficiency program due June 1, 2015 and the Fire District will join the Town on the plan for their share of the 1% District reduction from the 2014 budget.

Gary Brookover and Butch Ellis reported that engine 7 is still shutting down and has a check engine light on. Butch Ellis will schedule with Ed Shults.

**Old Business:**

- SCBA grant: Ryan Emmick reported that all documentation has been submitted for the grant.
- Milk Plant water source: There was an issue with recovery of the well the last time it was used most likely caused from flooding in the area. A discussion was held on contacting a well driller and getting their opinion on drilling a well on District property to avoid easement issues with private property owners.
- Annual Inspection Dinner/Town Picnic: The next joint meeting will be held July 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioners will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments and drinks. Picnic to be held August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:**

- DEC grant: \$1500.00 matching grant is available. New lighting and equipment was discussed. Butch Ellis made a motion to apply for the grant, second by Doug Keppel. Motion carried all ayes.

Ayes: Emmick, Keppel, Ellis. Nays:

- Ryan Emmick would like a Fire District mission statement. The department seems to be being called out on non-emergency events from trees down, traffic control and other events including transporting individuals to the hospital that are not emergencies.
- Ryan Emmick would like to purchase a NYS Fire District officers guide book: Butch Ellis made a motion to purchase the book, second by Doug Keppel. Motion carried all ayes.

Ayes: Emmick, Keppel, Ellis. Nays:

- Ryan Emmick held a discussion on creating a reserve fund for future purchases. He would like a list of Department equipment needs by the next meeting. He also wants the brush unit put back on the UTV as soon as possible. There will be no modifications to District equipment without District approval.

Butch Ellis made a motion to adjourn, second by Doug Keppel. Motion carried all ayes.

Ayes: Emmick, Keppel, Ellis. Nays:

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Fred Filock/Secretary