

## **Battle Lake Area Fire & Rescue Association Meeting February 19, 2015**

The Battle Lake Fire & Rescue Association met on Feb. 19, 2015 with the following members present:

Mike Nelson, Kevin Anderson, Mike Holstrom Terry Christianson & Don Maslow (City of B.L.). Others present: Marge Quammen, Alex Morical, Jeff Stabnow, Wendy Molsad, , Heidi Jorud (Rescue), Nic Drusch and Connie Krusemark.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Nelson. The Secretary's report, from the January 15, 2015 was read with the following corrections noted: Under "Old Business" change to "Christensen's is a licensed demolition/removal contractor". Also add: "If removal & disposal of debris cost is over \$25,000.00, contractors would need to supply quotes." A motion to accept the minutes, with corrections, was made by Terry Christianson, seconded by Mike Holstrom and carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Wendy Molstad. It was noted that Clitherall Twp. needed to be removed from the 2014 report as having paid their portion of 2014 tax revenue to the Association. It was an oversight in billing. The payment will result in an additional \$28,000+ to the Association with approximately \$7,000 going to the Building Fund, \$8,000 to the Rescue Fund and \$13,000 to the General Fund. A question was raised on the rebate from Workman's Comp. Wendy reported that this was a "statewide injury free" rebate. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mike Holstrom, seconded by Don Maslow and carried.

The bills for payment were reviewed with an explanation of the mock OSHA inspection bill and report. It was noted that should any issues arise with an OSHA inspection, the company doing the mock inspection would be available to consult. Small areas of change or improvement were noted. A motion to accept and pay bills as presented was made by Don Maslow, seconded by Kevin Anderson and carried.

Following introductions and a brief discussion, a motion to hire Connie Krusemark as the new Secretary, replacing Wendy Molstad, was made by Mike Holstrom, seconded by Kevin Anderson and carried. Everyone welcomed Connie to the position.

### **Old Business:**

Don Maslow presented three options, by the City of Battle Lake, for the possible location of a new fire hall. Discussion followed. In addition to the options by the City, additional locations were discussed, including property near the corner of Highway 78 & 210, and a suggestion that the West Tool & Design building be given a second look. No decisions were made at this time,

however, it was generally agreed that the discussion needs to move forward with the City and possible other locations. It was also noted that the MN Rural Water Association had funding available through loans and grants. Terry Osterman, of MN Rural Water Association has an office in Elbow Lake.

### **Fire Department:**

Fire Department Chief, Alex Morical gave his report. A motion to accept the Fire Dept. report was made by Mike Holstrom, seconded by Terry Christianson and carried.

### **Rescue Squad:**

The Rescue Squad report was presented by Heidi Jorud. Heidi noted that they had received approximately \$5,000 in donations which were being deposited as they came in. These donations did not include the advertising income from the calendar. She also noted that a new computer and printer were needed. Fire Dept. Chief Alex Morical noted that the Fire Dept. was also looking to replace a computer and that they should work together which may result in a better deal. Heidi also noted that 2 new blood pressure cuffs had been purchased and that no grant was available from Otter Tail Power for the purchase of an AED. The Fire Dept. may have some options, or suggestions, to pursue this. Year-to-date rescue calls total 23.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Holstrom, seconded by Don Maslow and carried.

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Mike Nelson, Chairman