**KEYSTONE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**

**MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the KVRFD was held at the KVFD Central Station’s board of directors meeting room at 19:00pm.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Scott at 19:00 p.m.

Had pledge of allegiance.

No meeting in July due to no quorum.

**Present:**

Tom Scott (Highland), Merv Engle (West Sadsbury), Chris Plumley, Vicki Florian, KVFD: Brian Gathercole, Stephanie Klinger, Tony Przychodzien

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the June 18, 2024, meeting was reviewed.

**Motion:** Motion made by Tom S., seconded by Merv E. to approve the minutes as written. **Approved by all.**

**Fire Department Update**

Monthly reports were emailed by Brian G.

Brian G. told Merv E. that Ed H. offered to come to meetings for township if they are interested.

Received a grant for $68,000.00, used for fire hose, Milwaukee tools and updated some equipment. Also received a grant for concrete slab at Mr. King’s property for equipment. Working on additional grants.

Home Depot donated (2) portable lights.

Steph K. Ambulance C was involved in an accident at LGH (hit the wall coming out of the emergency area). She also said that she has not received claims numbers for the other ambulances that were in accidents, Rosemary from Longley will not answer her calls/emails, got the Lawyer John Cairns to call Longley, there was a problem that one of the ambulances was put in at a value of $16,000.00 instead of $116,000.00, Steph will call her on Wednesday to discuss. Brian discussed that drivers are going through a refresher course and KVFD is looking at drive cams for the ambulances, tried to get grants but was denied, will outfit (2) ambulances.

There was a leak on the roof at the East station.

Will be doing hall renovations at the East station.

Still waiting to hear about the driveway situation from the Borough of Parkesburg, currently have a $25,000.00 grant, lowest quote so far is $50,000.00.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

A treasurer’s report of bills for the month of June & July 2024 was read by Vicki Florian. The reports were approved. **Motion:** Motion was made to pay bills by Tom S., seconded by Merv E. **Approved by all**.

**Fire Administrator’s Report:**

Attended a two-week class and certification for fire investigator to support district deputy fire marshal duties.

Review upcoming proposal to renew BLS contract with local municipality.

Going over life safety inspections for municipalities, will send out to municipalities to see if interested in making an ordinance, we would bill out between $150-$500, about 80-90 businesses in the (3) municipalities.

Updated the county with the fire marshal information.

Still having phone conversations with Piasecki.

Reviewed the Parkesburg Train Station.

Discussion on Fire Administrator/Chief hourly rate.

**Motion:** Brian G. made a motion to pay the Fire Administrator $25.00/hour instead of the monthly charge of $850.00 starting on 9/1/2024, seconded by Tom S. **Approved by all.**

Rhett L. attended the EMS crisis meeting, it was a movie narrated by Sarah Jessica Parker. Brian G. stated that the county will not get involved and puts it back on the municipalities.

**Public Comments / Good of the Order:**

Tom S. asked about the development at the quarry, there are 600 homes in 6 phases going there, the Borough of Parkesburg has already approved the first (4) phases, will have 360 access, wide streets and fire hydrants every so often.

There is also 130 townhouses going in at Crystal springs and they will be renovating the apartments.

**Motion**: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom S., seconded by Steph K.. **Approved by all.**

Meeting adjourned at 20:08pm.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2024 at 19:00pm at KVFD Central Station 329 West 1st Avenue Parkesburg PA 19365

Respectfully Submitted: by Vicki Florian (Secretary/Treasurer)