

# **Ellendale Fire Protection District**

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

### **08-03-21**

#### **Attendance:**

Mike Thorpe, Tyler Middlestead, Eric Fuher, Jim "Bo" Glynn, Jerry Rekow, Dillion Thorpe, Mark Hahne, Brandon Rall, Harold Swatfager, Nolan Hamar, Corey Gulke, Paul Wedell

#### **Meeting Called to Order by Fire Chief**

#### **Minutes of previous meeting where read and approved**

#### **Old Business:**

- Auto Extrication class is scheduled for this weekend and members are asked to register at NDFA. Approximately 7 fire fighters and 4 ambulance personnel have interest.
- The golf tournament raised \$2,760.00. Two teams donated their winnings back which increased the amount considerably. Thanks to Corey and Bo for organizing the tournament. Discussed changing the format next year to increase participation and fun. Starion Financial, Farmers Union Oil Company, and Ellendale Tourism all donated to the day to help the fire department have a successful fundraiser.
- Members were reminded of the Fireman's picnic August 14<sup>th</sup> and were asked to get their RSVP in.
- Paul has received the Junior Firefighter program info from Ross but the officers have not reviewed it at this time.
- Thank you to the members who were able to help at the fair this year. Members donated their time at the Rodeo, the Derby, the Fireworks display as well as the Ice Cream booth.
- At the last board meeting, the board approved the fire department to purchase a new wildland truck to replace 7385. The officers have been gathering information and continue to work on this.

#### **New Business:**

- It was brought up that Applefest will be held September 11 and members are welcome to take fire units through the parade. No one has contacted the fire department about a pancake feed at this time. Weather depending, the Pet Show may ask to use the fire hall again this year.
- The department has been awarded grain bin rescue tools from AgCountry Farm Credit Services. Delivery of the tools was made earlier today and members present were trained on their use by the manufacturer. Tools will be stored in 8910 unless a more suitable home is found. Eric & Tyler will look into additional items necessary and get a cost estimate put together. There is interest from the farming community and others to pay for this additional equipment.
- A \$1,000.00 donation was made from the Masonic Temple here in Ellendale. Jerry Rekow applied for a grant only available to Masonic members and was one of a few to receive the award. The award had to be donated to a 501C organization which Jerry directed to us. A thank you was offered to Jerry and his Masonic brothers.
- A point was brought up about access to Trinity Bible College apartments and dormitories. Currently there is a key card access to each building. The ambulance service has had some trouble entering the buildings and may be issued key cards. The firefighters determined that they had the necessary tools to enter the buildings without key cards.
- Harold informed the department that the hydrant southeast of the dog park by south park is not working. He stated that the city has the parts but won't be fixing it until October or November.
- Reminder of Fire Prevention Week coming in October. The Ellendale Public School has yet to announce if they will be having activities during that time.
- The old 7383 unit has been sold to the Kensal Fire Department. We received the asking price of \$7,000.00 for the body and the North Dakota Forest Service will be transferring title of the chassis to them.
- Paul asked the members to continue to look for new members. Discussion evolved about how to get in the public's eye more in order to gain more interest. Ideas included: Holding extrication on main street during Applefest or at the fairgrounds during the fair, Mass mailings to fire district patrons, Having a booth at Applefest or the Fair, a Drive Sober scenario at the high school, and hanging NDFA generated posters around town. Paul will work on posters while Eric & Corey will look into the Drive Sober scenario.

#### **Motion to Adjourn by Jerry**

Minutes as recorded in secretary's absence. Pending approval.

Training was with the new grain bin rescue tools.