

**Ellendale Fire Protection District**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**3-07-2023**

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

11 members were present for the roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Junior Firefighter Program
  - The officers are working on the details of the program.
  - The program is on hold until it is clear how our insurance will cover the new program.
- Gear Washing
  - There are a few sets of gear that still need to be washed.
  - The gear dryer is nearly completed and can be used now.
- Fireman's Ball
  - The date is planned for March 25.
  - Details will be mailed out on the invites.
- Golf Tournament
  - No new news
- Extrication
  - 5:00 March 31st is the initial training for those which do not hold a current certification.
  - 8:00 April 1st will be the hands-on training for everyone.
  - Register for the class at [NDFFA.org](http://NDFFA.org)
  - No new news on the heavy rescue training.

New Business:

- Ellendale Area Foundation Grant
  - A new thermal imaging camera has been applied for with the grant.
  - It will be for 7383 and will be similar to the one in 7382 currently.
- Trucks
  - The chassis for 7385 is currently at Heiman and is ready to be built.
- Butch Middlestead
  - Butch is going in for heart surgery and is in our prayers.
  - A card will be sent to Butch.
- Fire School
  - Thomas Hennesey attended fire school and reported on his gas monitor and courage to be safe classes.
- Gas Monitors
  - James and Brandon will lead a training session at the next training on the use of

the new gas monitors which we have received.

- Video for the raffle
  - Thomas has found a way to stream with multiple cameras at the next raffle event.
- Thank You's
  - The children of the Preus family colored pictures and wrote thank you notes to the fireman for helping with the fire at their home.
- Annual Meeting
  - The district meeting will be held March 27.
  - All members are welcome to attend.
- Grant
  - Don Flaherty applied for and received a \$1.5 million grant for a new ambulance and fire station.
  - More details will be available at a later date.
  
- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher