

## **February 9, 2009 Town of Peshtigo Fire Commission**

Chairman Bill Johnson called the meeting of the Town of Peshtigo Fire Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Present: Alex Dudka, Bill Johnson, Roberta Kowalski, and Don Wahl.

Absent: Tim Kodric.

Also attending were Pat Ravet, Grace Pennings, Clarence Coble, Mike Folgert, Bryan Peth, Mark Monnette, Rich Seils, Ben Jacobs, Brian Peterson, and Chris Krische.

A motion was made by Kowalski and seconded by Dudka to approve the agenda as printed. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Wahl and seconded by Kowalski to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting as printed. The motion carried with all in favor.

Thanks went out to Mike Folgert and Rich Seils for doing "98% of the work" on receiving the FEMA Grant. The grant is a matching federal grant with the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department. The federal share is 95% or \$76,266 of the approved amount and the Town's share of the cost is 5% or \$4,014. Coble, Folgert, Seils, and Monnette are on the committee who will decide on how the money will be spent. Some of the expenditures include 14 sets of structural turnout coats, bunker pants and boots, self-contained breathing apparatus (air packs), one Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) pack, one four-bottle cascade system with fill station for filling air cylinders, one washer/extractor (to wash contaminated turnout gear at the station), and gear drying rack. The grant must be used within one year and all purchases did go out for bids.

The Town of Peshtigo Fire Department also received a 50/50 matching DNR grant which will be used for communication equipment.

A motion was made by Wahl and seconded by Dudka to accept the Peshtigo Fire Department's Bylaws/Policy Manual as printed and to recommend acceptance to the Town Board. The motion carried with all in favor.

Old business included presenting a fund balance sheet which shows \$118,576.51 in the bank. The Town is still continuing to put \$50,000 away annually for the possibility of a new truck.

Kenny Brusko was the unidentified firefighter in an old picture of the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department.

Johnson stated that he would consider coming back for an additional term on the Fire Commission. Kowalski stated that she would like this to be her last term.

Chief Coble reported that the department lost two firefighters to Menominee which is a paid department.

The department is sticking to its budget and the expenditures of \$75,000. They obtained a new trailer for the cold water rescue equipment. Some exercise equipment has been donated and is set up.

Dory's Supper Club and Don Wahl's trailer were both lost due to fires.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Wahl and seconded by Kowalski to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hagert