

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING JANUARY 6, 2020

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER BY KENNETH EVANS. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE AND PRAYER LED BY KENNETH EVANS. ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.

TREASURY REPORT—READ BY JOHN BOTTOMS. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURY REPORT MADE BY TONY ROY AND 2ND BY KENNETH EVANS. MOTION PASSED.

SECRETARY REPORT – READ BY PHILIP CANTEBURY. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS MADE BY TONY ROY AND 2ND BY GARY HAMILTON. MOTION PASSED.

UTILITY 7 – TALKED WITH JOHN HINSON AND HE HAS A WRECKED TRUCK THAT HE IS WAITING ON A TITLE FOR AND HE SAID THE MOTOR WOULD FIT IN THE UTILITY TRUCK AND IF CHIEF'S 7 TRUCK NEEDED A REAR END, THAT THE REAR END WOULD FIT IN THAT TRUCK. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT. TABLE THIS FOR NOW AND SEE WHEN ALL PRO TOWING GETS THE TITLE AND CAN DO SOMETHING WITH THE TRUCK.

THE STATEMENT ON THE TOWER THAT WE ARE OVER BUDGET ON IT IS NOT ACCURATE. 3 YEARS IN THE MAKING IS PROBABLY RIGHT BUT OVER BUDGET IS NOT. HE HAS ENOUGH WIRE LEFT, THAT HE CAN PUT A 4TH SET OF GUIDE WIRES UP, BUT HE HAS TO HAVE TURN BUCKLES FOR IT.

ALSO, TONY ROY HAS TALKED TO CHELCO ABOUT GROUNDING RODS FOR THE TOWER. THEY SAID IF WE BUY THE RODS, THEY WILL INSTALL THEM FOR FREE BUT THEY WON'T HOOK THEM TO THE TOWER. WE WILL HAVE TO DO THAT. WE WILL NEED APPROXIMATELY 20 – 25 RODS. WE WON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM UP FRONT, THEY WILL BILL US FOR THEM. TONY ROY MADE A MOTION FOR TO PURCHASE THE RODS AND LET CHELCO PUT THEM IN AND TO PUT A \$500.00 LIMIT ON THIS PROJECT. 2ND BY KENNETH EVANS AND THE MOTION PASSED.

TONY ROY RATIFIED TO ALLOW 20 MORE HOURS AND THE EXTRA 13 ½ HOURS TO MAKE A TOTAL OF 53 ½ HOURS FOR DONNA DUNHAM FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO WORK ON THE SAFER GRANT AND TO GET THINGS TOGETHER FOR THE FEMA GRANT TOGETHER PLUS DOING THE RUN REPORTS. 2ND BY KENNETH EVANS 4 VOTED FOR IT AND 1 OBSTAINED BY PHILIP CANTEBURY.

NEW BUSINESS

MONDAY THE CHIEF SPOKE WITH KEVIN PIATT FROM THE FEMA TRUCK GRANT (OUR PERSON OF CONTACT) AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE TRUCK GRANT WAS DENIED DUE TO IT BEING A PUMPER INSTEAD OF JUST A HEAVY RESCUE TRUCK. THAT ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE FEMA TRUCK GRANT, IT TELLS YOU WHAT YOU CAN AND CANNOT APPLY FOR AND ONE OF THEM THAT COULDN'T BE APPLIED FOR WAS A PUMPER. SO, WHEN WE RECEIVE OUR DENIAL LETTER, LOOK AT IT AND EITHER APPEAL IT OR GET OUR CONGRESSMAN INVOLVED TO SEE IF HE CAN INFLUENCE THEM TO PAY FOR THE HEAVY RESCUE PUMPER TRUCK. TONY ROY MADE A MOTION THAT IF WE APPEAL THE DECISION, THAT WE HAVE KENNETH EVANS (BOARD PRESIDENT) TO SIGN THE APPEAL LETTER. 2ND BY KENNETH EVANS AND THE MOTION PASSED.

LOAN – WE HAVE TWO LOAN OFFERS. ONE FROM AMERIS BANK AND ONE FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST.

AMERIS BANK – A 6 YEAR LOAN AT 4.38% FIXED RATE WITH 10% DOWN. CLOSING COST WOULD BE \$500.00.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST – CLOSING COST THE SAME AT \$500.00. A FIXED RATE AT 5% WITH 20% DOWN. THIS LOAN WOULD BE FOR 7 YEARS.

TONY MADE A MOTION TO GO WITH AMERIS BANK AS IT HAS THE BEST INTEREST RATE. ALSO, TO GO WITH 25% DOWN INSTEAD OF 10% DOWN. THIS WOULD MAKE OUR DOWN PAYMENT OF \$77,906.25 PLUS THE \$20,000.00 WE HAVE ALREADY PAID WOULD GIVE US \$97,906.25 TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT. 2ND BY KENNETH EVANS. MOTION PASSED. THE BOARD ALSO AGREED THAT KENNETH EVANS WOULD SIGN THE DOCUMENTS THAT IS NEEDED TO BE SIGNED WITH TONY ROY AS SECONDARY SIGNEE. THE BOARD ALSO ASKED TONY ROY TO SEE IF WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET A LOWER INTEREST RATE WITH A BIGGER DOWN PAYMENT.

THE HOSE GRANT IS GOING COST US ABOUT \$15,000.00 OVER AND ABOVE THE \$29,000.00 WE WERE AWARDED.

TONY ROY MADE MOTION TO ALLOW 20 EXTRA HOURS FOR DONNA DUNHAM FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. THIS WOULD GIVE HER 40 HOURS TOTAL TO GET RUNS AND EVERYTHING DONE.

REIMBURSEMENTS ARE TO REMAIN AT \$2,000.00 EVERY 3 MONTHS.

IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH, THE RED CROSS IS WANTING TO DO ANOTHER SMOKE ALARM CAMPAIGN.

KENNETH EVANS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. 2ND BY GARY HAMILTON AND THE MOTION WAS PASSED.

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 3, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.