UPPER HOMINY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:
DAVID MESSER, CHAIRMAN
FRANK BROOKS, VICE-CHAIRMAN
BRIAN WARREN, SECRETARY
LONNIE ISRAEL, TREASURER
DAVID LIVENGOOD
ELISE ISRAEL
SARA HOWELL
SCOTT MCIJUNKIN

MEMBERS ABSENT:
JAMES NETHERTON

OTHERS PRESENT:  Slater Solomon, Auditor, B-shift Captain, Bryan Buchanan, Chief Shane Prestwood

Meeting called to order at 19:00 hours by Chairman Messer. Prayer was by Chairman Messer.

Minutes from the December 21, 2023 meeting were read by Brian Warren, Secretary. Motion to approve, made by Frank Brooks. Sara Howell seconded the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer’s report as of December 31, 2023 was given by Lonnie Israel, Treasurer; copy attached. Motion to approve was made by Elise Israel; Frank Brooks seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financials as of December 31, 2023 were reviewed.

Audit:  Slater Solomon was present to review the audit with the Board. He was allowed to present first and then adjourned himself. The audit was reviewed; paper copies were not available to the board members. This presentation also counts toward Board orientation. Once Mr. Solomon adjourned himself, regular business resumed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Department Attorney:  The email from the attorney read as though he would supply the engagement letter rather than us writing one. Chairman Messer will follow-up with the attorney.

Employee Handbook:  The officer’s meeting, for their input, has been moved to February.

Door Entry System:  All codes should be updated.

First Bank:  Still in process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel:
1.  Our AB Tech Academy Cadet, Carson Bugg, is doing well and has picked up some shifts.
2. Captain Gibson resigned. Bryan Buchanan has been promoted to new B-shift Captain. The two new hires are working out well. We have one opening and have received one application. Former Captain Gibson will not be working part-time.

**State Park:** There will be another public meeting for Pisgah View State Park here at the station on February 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

**Apparatus:**
1. Engine 12-2: There was a charging system issue that has been repaired.
2. Squad 12-2: The previous damage has been repaired. The brake issue that caused the brakes to lock up has been repaired.
3. Tanker 12-2: The intake valve has been damaged; parts are on order to repair.

**Building Use Request:** We have had a request from a local Future Farmers of America Administrative Board to use the building for their meeting. It was decided to follow our prior decision to limit usage to Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement events but we will be revisiting the building usage policy.

**Information Sharing:**
1. Chief Prestwood and Enka Chief Beddingfield met with Commissioner Terry Wells to discuss what needs and issues we see in our districts. She will be doing a Community Engagement meeting on January 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the former church across the street.

No further business; next meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Sara Howell; Lonnie Israel seconded the motion; meeting adjourned at 20:09.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Warren, Secretary