

**Ashley Area Fire Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
Date: 4/4/2023**

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**Members Present:** Howard W, Scott F, Tom C, Laura C, Jack B, Roger S, Matt M, Paula B, Kristin M

Nancy Rogers, Treasurer

Public Comment: None

**Scott called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm**

Treasurer Report: Reviewed and discussed. Due to the timing of bills being paid 2 months of consumers energy bills paid in March; few fire runs received. FY 22 Fire runs total \$1249.99. Nancy verified with Mercantile that we can keep the credit cards but close the checking and savings accounts.

Howard made a motion to approve the treasurers report as presented with the exception of covering the negative balances as shown in the budget. See attached. Tom supported. Motion carried. Negative line items are fuel, station utilities, incidental repairs, legal fees and miscellaneous operating funds. To be amended at next meeting with close of fiscal year.

Chief Report-Run Report, Burn Permits and false Alarm calls discussed. If no burn permit have to respond. Nothing is currently in place regarding unauthorized burning. Discussed options. Frank asked about burning in the village. Kristin will check with the Village on whether there is an ordinance and if the DPW is applying for burn permits when burning brush. UTV had inor issues, getting repaired. Chief wants to look at how the members are paid, FF don't usually get paid for medical runs, plan to come. Working on getting 221 licensed as a second medical unit. 221 fully in service now for fire calls. 222 back in service fully equipped. Administrative Asst. has been hired (J. Moore). R. Acre promoted to Lieutenant position. Old 222 possibly under contract from T-Line, Kristin will verify. SEGA may be donating some equipment to dept.

Clerk Report- Northstar has accepted the contract for \$23,708.14, billed quarterly. First invoice sent. Howard made a motion to approve the 3/7/23 minutes as presented. Tom supported. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Payroll increase proposals discussed. Current approved budget does not include monies from Northstar contract. After discussion Paula made motion to approve option #6, Chief: \$5000, Assistant Chief: \$3500, 2 Captain positions: \$1000, 2 Lieutenant positions: \$750, Administrative assistant \$1000, Each pay quarter \$8000, Clerk \$4500, Treasurer \$3500. Howard supported. Kristin abstained. Motion carried 8-1.
2. Kristin made a motion to approve the closed meeting minutes from 4/18/22, 5/2/22, 12/6/22, 1/3/23, 2/7/23 as presented. Paula supported. Howard opposed. Motion passed 8-1.
3. Any photos that were printed, still available online or are digital will be given to Howard. The facebook pages are gone.

**New Business:**

1. Organizational Meeting (President, Vice President, Secretary/Clerk, Treasurer)  
Discussion had regarding current positions and perceptions of the authority/department as a whole moving forward. All agreeable in current positions. Tom made a motion to hold current people in the current positions: President: Scott, Vice President: Roger, Secretary/Clerk: Kristin, Treasurer: Nancy. Howard supported. Motion carried.

**Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. Tom supported.**

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Scott Fischer  
President

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Kristin Mills  
Clerk