

New Melle Fire Protection District
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
12:00 p.m.

In Attendance

John Loyd, President
Kyle Shell, Secretary
Joe Gebhardt, Treasurer
Daniel Casey, Fire Chief
Joshua Ellis, Assistant Chief
Jonah Wilson, Shop Steward (absent)
Michelle Depew, Financial Consultant
Donna Oney, Administrative Assistant

The monthly board meeting of the New Melle Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at Fire House #1 pursuant to call and waiver of notice of Board of Directors as evidenced by signatures affixed to these minutes.

Call to Order

Showing all board members present, Board President John Loyd called this meeting to order.

Additions to Agenda

- No additions or deletions.

Review of Previous Minutes

- Board Member Kyle Shell made a motion to approve October 22, 2024, special meeting minutes as well as October 30 special meeting minutes.

Chief's Report

- Chief Casey and crew attended the Veteran's Day event at Daniel Boone Elementary School yesterday morning.
- The Chief attended the Area Fire Chief's meeting this morning. Nothing new to report.

Assistant Chief's Report

- One of two narcotics safes that we ordered has arrived.
- Station 1 lighting, siding and door locks are being repaired.
- Station 3 concrete poured on Friday.
- Station 2 pressure tank is leaking. Josh is checking it out.
- 8934 has some issues that need to be looked at and 8924 needs extensive repairs. We will wait until next year to begin the repairs.
- Brief discussion of gas tanks at old station.

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed balances.
- Board Member Kyle Shell made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented.
- Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.

- All in favor.
- Treasurer's Report accepted.

Members of the Public

- Tim Dolan addressed the board regarding possible website improvements, receiving board agendas and minutes from previous meetings and 2025 budget increases.

Old Business

- Land and Building Sale
 - Motion made by Kyle Shell to discuss in closed session.
 - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
 - Motion passes.
- 2025 Budget
 - There were a few changes to the preliminary budget.
 - The \$250,000 increase in the retirement plan was for a possible lump sum payment to bring down our rate. At this time, it was decided that we will hold the \$250,000 and earn interest.
 - Emergency services increase due to St. Charles County fees on all our radios.
 - SCBA increase is for new face pieces for all our individuals.
 - Kyle Shell made a motion to table budget approval until December.
 - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
 - All board members in favor.
 - 2025 budget tabled until December.

New Business:

- Transfer of Funds
 - We need to transfer funds for the reserve truck from the bond account into the general fund in the amount of \$287,500.
 - Kyle Shell made the motion to approve the transfer of funds.
 - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
 - Vote taken. All board members approved.
 - Motion passed.
- Health Insurance
 - Bids received for new health insurance coverage.
 - Chief Casey recommends moving forward with Anthem. Cigna no longer carries our plan, and the Anthem plan presented to the board is comparable to what we have now.
 - Kyle Shell made a motion to approve the proposed Anthem insurance policy.
 - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
 - All board members are in approval.
 - Motion passes.
- Femme Osage Farm Notification
 - Assistant Chief Ellis advised the board that Fire Marshal, Chris Cuddihee has suggested sending a certified letter to the residents at Femme Osage Farm to advise them that we have no fire apparatus access to their homes. The bridge is not rated and not wide enough for our pumper to cross. The back entrance is no longer there and Dierberg's is blocking their gate. Effects 6 homes. Recommendations are having an engineer look at the bridge or give us access through Dierberg's property.

Shop Steward

- No items.

Emergency Responses

- Per Chief Casey we are running an average number of emergency calls.
- Our District hosted a successful trench rescue class at the end of October.

Board President, John Loyd entertained a motion to move into executive session.
 Kyle Shell made the motion to go into closed session to discuss property negotiations.
 Joe Gebhardt seconded.

All in favor.

Moved to closed session at 12:33 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 12:43 p.m.

Building Sale

- We have received an offer of \$625,000 for our old station 1 located at 3705 Mill Street with a potential closing date of December 20, 2024.
- John Loyd entertained a motion to accept this contract.
- Kyle Shell made the motion to accept. Joe Gebhardt seconded.
- Vote taken. All board members are in favor.
- Motion to accept contract approved.

Kyle Shell made a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.

All in favor.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Oney

John Loyd, President

Date

Kyle Shell, Secretary

Date

Joe Gebhardt, Treasurer

Date