

MINUTES

The Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund Committee for the Town of Montville met at 6:00 p.m. in Room 203 at the Montville Town Hall on August 21, 2012.

Members present: Terry Hart, Ron Turner, Joe Giangrasso, Micah Messer and Keith Truex.

Keith Truex called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Business

Motion by Turner; seconded by Messer to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 meeting as submitted. Passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding changes to the payments of stipends. Hart informed the committee that the IRS has changed the rules on volunteer stipends. Instead of receiving a 1099, volunteers will receive a W-2 at the end of the year. Taxes will be taken out of the stipends including social security. Members felt that they should still receive a 1099. Hart stated that she would double check the IRS rules on this.

Chesterfield's stipend list was discussed. Motion by Messer, second by Turner to approve the Chesterfield Co. stipend list including the waiver request for David Nelson. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Messer; seconded by Truex to approve the Mohegan Co. stipend list as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Keith Truex; seconded by Giangrasso to approve the Oakdale stipends as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Messer; seconded by Truex to approve the Montville stipend list including the waiver request for Dawn Turner. Passed unanimously.

There was discussion about changing the ordinance to include a tax abatement. Also, discussed was the stipend check being made out directly to the Fire Companies to distribute to volunteers or into their 403(b). The committee would like to meet in October 2012 to review the ordinance and discuss the possibility of having the option of a tax abatement or a stipend.

Public Comment

Dave Nelson commented that when the stipends were first distributed, volunteers were treated like independent contractors. After the first year, volunteers were given a 1099 as extra income.

Motion to adjourn by Truex; seconded by Messer; motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.