

**Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Dept.
19109 S. County Road 325
Hawthorne, FL 32640
Minutes of General Meeting
January 7th, 2019 6:00 PM**

Meeting called to order by President Shirley Preston. All board members present. Copies of the December 3rd, minutes were passed around to attendees; Shirley Preston encouraged everyone to look them over. Connie Whitney makes a **MOTION** to accept minutes, **SECOND** by Myra Elliott.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report provided by Connie Whitney, Judy Harris makes a **MOTION** to accept, **SECOND** by Marilyn Pinner.

OLD BUSINESS

Clay Electric photo op presentation of the \$15,000.00 Grant Thursday 3rd. Work is still being done on the living quarters at the station.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Blueberry Festival will be held May 4th, Blueberry Festival meeting will be held February 9th at Noon, Island Grove Lodge. Meeting to discuss and redesign By-Laws will be Monday January 14th 3:00 pm, Island Grove Lodge, Committee consist of Shirley Preston, Steve Rudy, Connie Whitney, Nancy Thomas and David Lanier. Bill Jones asked who will maintain the grounds at the Island Grove Lodge for fund raisers, it is being looked in to.

CHIEF REPORT

Alachua County plans to put us on a replacement list, as stations receive new engines old engines are given to stations in need. It could take four to six months if not longer to for us to receive a replacement engine. Chief David Lanier has located a 2003 Pierce Detroit Diesel Pumper, Full rebuild 2018 and Certified, Located in Winter Garden Florida. Asking price is \$55,000.00, Chief negotiated them down to \$40,000.00. The payment plan would be \$9,000.00 at purchase and four annual payments of \$9,000.00 resulting in an interest of \$5,000.00. This Engine/Pumper is better than what we would expect to receive from the County. Our Engine/Pumper is at the County fleet and has been looked over by mechanics who estimated the cost to repair to be at minimal \$6,500.00. Asst. Chief Stephen Ogden discussed the reasons for his recommendation not to fix our current Engine. No cost incurred for County assessing Engine repairs. Chief Lanier discussed the County needing to increase our funding. And stated that the County needs to take our community and departments needs seriously. Engine/Pumper will be brought out Tuesday the 8th at 10:00 am for Asst. Dep. Chief Michael Jacobs to inspect it and give his recommendation. And for any community members to see it as well. Steve Rudy asked for details of the interest to the loan and stated \$5,000.00 was a good interest being paid for the loan. Steve Rudy makes a **MOTION** to purchase Engine/Pumper if the inspection by Michael Jacobs turns out acceptable, Bill Jones **SECONDS** the **MOTION**.

MOTION put to a vote, **MOTION** passed. Brush truck was sold for \$2,500.00 we will be using that money and \$6,500 out of the account to make the initial payment of \$9,000.00.

Connie Whitney makes a **MOTION** to adjourn, **SECOND** by Marilyn Pinner

Meeting adjourned 6:55pm,
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Thomas