

# CERT MINUTES

November 18, 2020

Attendance: Laura Freese, Sharon Denson, Mary Lou Smith, Dan Smith, Bruce Smith (left after treasurer's report), Mary Wadman, Judy Brunett, James Brunett, Charlie Rizzo, Tom Briggie

Meeting called to order by Laura Freese.

Pledge to the flag.

Sharon moved to accept the October minutes. Seconded by Bruce. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Bruce reported \$802.73 in the checking acct. and \$844.21 in the savings acct.

Wheel Covers: The plywood still hasn't arrived, but should be here in the next week or two. It was voted to use the credit card to pay for the materials. David Bliss currently has the card. Charlie Rizzo is a back-up to use the card for these materials if David isn't available. The credit card is to be returned to the treasurer after the purchase. Motion (to approve the decisions above) made by Sharon and seconded by Bruce. Motion passed.

Activities: We are still in limbo due to the Covid-19 restrictions on the use of the hall. We are re-scheduling December events.

Business Cards: Laura has the cards if you need any. Sharon emailed the letterhead template to the members.

HAM Radio Class: Dan will schedule another class after mid-February. Dan and the HAM operators will meet immediately after the December CERT meeting to discuss how to use the radios.

Website: Dan has updated the website and put the photos up that Tom took during the drill with the TE Fire Department. Dan asked that someone else is help with the day to day details of managing the website. Tom volunteered to take on the responsibility. Thanks, Tom. Residents are printing the forms from the website to give permission to be on their property in an emergency. Mary Lou will post the website in the next Tribune article.

Storm Damage from last storm: Laura, Mary Wadman, Sharon, and Mary Lou examined property in their zones after the storm. We let the Fire Department know that

we were inspecting properties at the time. There was little damage found. Some vinyl siding was blown off one home. Laura contacted the owner, who was most grateful for our surveillance and communication. Laura cautioned about taking photos of damages. Do not include street or house number in any photo that could be published, due to security issues. Ann Blissett posted a link on to our website on facebook, and people have submitted some permission forms. Thanks, Ann. Just a reminder that we cannot go on anyone's property without written permission. The permission only authorizes going on the lot, not entering the premises. The only time CERT members would ever enter a residence, is, if there was reason to believe a resident was injured and/or was calling for help, or there was a disabled person who did not evacuate, and could not be located, and there was no other emergency help available.

Updating our records: Jim Brunett moved and Dan Smith seconded a motion to purchase a copy of the TE database. Sharon asked that it be in Excel format.

HAM Radio equipment: Laura suggested we look for grants to purchase the equipment since we are non-profit, and would qualify for grant monies. Members can search for resources and Dan volunteered to complete applications. Mary Lou suggested local banks and local businesses, such as Walmart and Target. The HAM operators will get together and recommend specific pieces of HAM equipment. The FEMA website may have some resources.

Other Business:

We will elect officers in January. Dan has been volunteered (by Mary Lou) to take on the job of treasurer if Bruce wants a rest.

Emergency Procedures: Laura will send out a copy of our emergency procedures and will update procedures after receiving feedback from members. Sharon will look into identification for our vehicles during an emergency. Some type of emblem to display on the windshield, or something to attach to the side of the vehicle were discussed.

Adjournment: Motion by Dan, seconded by Jim. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

Mary Lou Smith, Secretary