

Fire Board Meeting  
August 29, 2016

Present: Dave Boomer, Matt Gleeson, Jon Reinke, Mark Risner  
Absent: Stan Black

Meeting called to order 7:03 pm

No changes to the agenda

Approved the minutes from May 9, 2016.

Trucks are going in for pump testing. 8 sections of 5" hose has been ordered. This will be put on 1312. 1312 had to have the valve replaced a few years ago. Dave asked if we back flushed the trucks. Maintenance has been pushed to grease the valves. Dave asked if these are brass or nylon valves. Scott will check on which we have. Dave suggested back flushing more often. Matt asked what the price difference would be between brass and nylon valves.

We have 21 fire fighters on the department currently. Gage Morris and Mike Phillips have been promoted to lieutenants. We have a couple of people who wanted the positions but have not been coming down to runs. A couple of people have left the department. Discussed personnel issues.

Training – Deputy Reist is doing a bang up job. Personnel are enjoying it. Deputy D’huyvetter is working on the Fire Fighter classes with Eaton County. There hasn’t been any complaints from fire fighters on training. Dave asked why Gage and Mike haven’t applied to the state for their EMT license. We have one fire fighter who has not taken the test yet. Phil suggested putting this in the paper for Mike & Gage with their license.

Art Reist and Scott have made CE solutions on line education available for the fire fighters. If they miss training at the station they can pick it up on line. We have signed up for a two year trial period.

The safety officer slot has been left open. It will probably be left open for a while

The Fire Prevention Open House is October 15, 11-2. Deputy D’huyvetter is leading out. Gage and Mike will be helping out. The whole station will be helping that day. The hospital will be coming out. They will also be covering the advertising. The city is having their open house the same day. Mark is getting a couple of cars to demo. A room will be set up as a demo burn.

The board stated they appreciate all the chief does.

Dave brought up that we had discussed before giving the guys a little more for people who come out at night. Fire fighter numbers are down all over. Dave said he would like to see us

pay them a little more if they turn up in the middle of the night. This may be a discussion for the next budget.

The reception hall on Houston Road is being held up because of fire suppression. The county is working with them.

An EMS letter of understanding was signed in March of 2015. The hospital has no desire to get rid of the ambulance service. Our contract is good through March 2018. They did purchase a new ambulance. It will come on next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm