

Hamlin Township Fire Board Meeting
May 9, 2016

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

Ex-Officio: Scott Blackmer, Phil Bombrys

Guest: Francis D'Huyvetter

Called to Order at 7:06 by Jon Reinke

No changes to the agenda

Minutes from February 8, 2016 approved

No public comments

Chief Blackmer gave his report:

Equipment – 1312 is going in for some valves to be replaced this summer. Pumps have passed on all trucks. There was a cylinder replaced on 1313. The new air bottles are in place. Rustie updated the inventory on all the trucks.

Jon asked about the ladder that didn't pass the test. It was replaced when we put the new truck in service.

Highland Park has been in touch with our department regarding the truck we purchased from them. They wanted to know what we had put into the truck.

The fire department complement is unchanged. Ken Lehto has just taken the job of East Lansing deputy chief. We do have an applicant.

There was an interview with an applicant that was a negative experience for him. Scott explained what happened. Scott and Francis will be looking very hard at the interview process, questions, and process. Dave Boomer thanked the chief and deputy chief for the time frame and for reaching out quickly and being forthcoming about what happened.

Scott is splitting up the training and safety officer positions. Art Reist is taking the deputy chief/training. Interviews will be done by a captain, deputy chief, and lieutenant. Scott said he wants the applicants to feel like this is where they want to be.

Scott has been working with people who are not making training/meetings, etc. He has a letter on his desk that he had one of the fire fighters sign regarding their missing these meetings.

Personnel issues were discussed.

Scott said he may start sending new applicants to the county wide training instead of in house training.

Training will be headed up by Deputy Chief Art Reist.

Jon requested that he and Dave get a copy of the budget that was passed out at the last meeting.

No public comments.

Ambulance meeting scheduled for next week. Sparrow has acquired Hayes Green Beach. Sparrow doesn't normally keep the ambulance service. They do have to honor our agreement through 2018. We are looking at what will transpire now. This is a three year phase in.

Next meeting August 8 at 7:00 pm.

Dave Boomer asked how we were with hose. We are looking at the difference between 4 and 5 inch hose. We lost one section of 1¾" during the last testing.

Jon asked that minutes go out with the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09.