

Fire Board Meeting
November 14, 2016

Present: Dave Boomer, Matt Gleeson, Jon Reincke, Mark Risner, Stan Black
Scott Blackmer, Phil Bombrys

Meeting called to order 7:14 pm

No changes to the agenda

Approved the minutes from August 29, 2016.

No public comments

Chiefs Report – 1312, 1313, 1315 have all been in for maintenance. We didn't have to replace any valves in 1312. 1312 is greased regularly. 1315 had fluids changed this time. The wiring harness on 1312 may not be working correctly.

1313 & 1315 has 800 feet on all three trucks now. The 4' hose has been put on 1312.

We are looking into air bags to replace the air bags that we currently have. These are higher pressure bags. We are still using the old ones from 20-30 years ago. They are not tested on an annual basis. The current bags are 90 to 100 psi. The infra red camera needs to be replaced too. Dave said Delta has gotten two new ones. They wrote a grant for them. Dave is checking on the grant. Scott said the three things on his bucket list to replace would be the air bags, infra red camera, and the SCBA compressor.

Mark asked if we had let the public know what we have purchased with the millage money. Scott said we have not yet put anything out there. Mark suggested we wouldn't have to put the amount out, just what we bought this term. It was suggested that something be put out to the public a year prior to asking for a renewal millage.

Phil suggested that the information be sent out with the tax notices.

We are currently at 21 members on the fire department. Dave Boomer has joined the department. The board thanked him and are glad to hear that he had joined.

Training has continued to progress. The training officer is continuing to do a very good job. We are continuing to send 3-4 people to the city department training too. We have some going to EMT training. FF 1&2 will begin in January. They will also be trained on hazmat, driving, and some other courses we were missing.

The continuing education credits are still being used. We contracted with a company that has both medical and fire fighter credits. If one of our people misses a class they can log on and get training credits.

The Christmas party is December 17 at 1:00 pm. We will let you know if there is a change. Mrs. Reist will be catering it again.

Ambulance Service – Sparrow has said nothing to Hayes Green Beach about eliminating the ambulance service. By 2020 Sparrow will have complete control of the hospital. MMR and Patriot are both in the area. We are watching this as close as we can. We would like to sign a contract as soon as possible.

Hamlin Township pays \$3,713.00 a year for the ambulance service. We have at least 2-3 in the area depending on the time of the day and night.

Keith Clark from Eaton Rapids Township posted on Facebook that Hamlin Fire department did a great job putting out the fire a week or so ago on M-50 and how Eaton Rapids Township enjoyed working with us.

We received paperwork today that a previous employee has filed a lawsuit against the chief and two trustees.

The township filed a police report with the sheriff department last week over the possible missing funds from the fire inspection program.

The fire inspector had given out a occupancy permit for 125 to the Robin's Nest. The county only allowed 56. This is a real safety concern. The inspection occupancy for the venue on Houston Rd was three times what the county issued. The sheriff's department will be looking into these issues.

A resident had a RESA fire truck from St Johns down here on election day campaigning with the students illegally. The person who was being promoted showed up there with his chief's uniform on.

We have invited MIOSHA to come in.

Scott went on record saying he very much appreciated the fire board and their support and expertise.

The board's term is up now. The township supervisor will be talking with them to see if they want to continue.

Dave Boomer said that the chief and fire department has done a great job. The delta fire chief gave Scott and Francis a thumbs up for the great job they are doing.

Mark gave the Boomer kudos for staying the high road through all of this.

The generator gas line has been fixed. The fitting was set incorrectly. It was causing a gas leak. The cost was split 50/50 between the township and the fire department.

February 13 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8: 50pm