

Hamlin Fire Board
August 11, 2014

Present: David Boomer, Matt Gleason, John Reinke, Phil Bombreys, Scott Blackmer

Absent: Mark Risner, Stan Black

John called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The fire board thanked the fire chief and the fire department for their hard work in getting the millage brochures out. The board asked Scott to relay their congratulations on the renewal of the millage.

There were not changes to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

Chief's Update:

Scott stated that things are going well. We have five fire fighters going to Roscommon for state certification.

Spirits are pretty high right now with the millage going through. We are having a good turn out for runs. We average about 8-10 people showing up for runs right now.

We still have the lieutenant positions open. Jack is on a leave of absence right now. We are looking for someone who will be willing to get up at night and turn out for the runs. We don't have any strong candidates right now.

The computers in the chief's office and dispatch have been updated.

The federal que was on the floor in the cabin of 1313. Scott and Chet moved it to the side of the console. Chet took 1313 over to Spartan Motors last week. Scott picked it up on Friday. The heat exchange hoses weren't probably drained. The froze and broke. The eyebrow lights were fixed. The steps were put on where we asked them to put them. However, they are in the way when the cabin doors are opened. We can work with it.

The Board recommends that the valve be fixed and the radiator and hoses be checked. Phil will be getting pricing for this. Spartan also programmed the computer. Chet and Scott have copies of the programming.

There was a door ajar alarm that no one could find. It turned out to be a switch in the cab. There is a cpu on the console that tells where the alarms are.

Different color hoses have been ordered for the truck.

The fire board recommended that headsets be purchased for 1313 to ensure good communications.

The fire board also recommended that two ice water rescue suits be purchased. They will be hung upstairs until they are needed. Training materials for ice rescue will be purchased with grant money.

The hospital would like to join with Hamlin Fire Department this year at our Fire Prevention Open House. The hospital would put a tent in the back and provide health screenings for those interested. Scott will ask Darlene to check with the other departments to see if they would like to join with us for fire prevention this year. Fire prevention week is October 5-11, 2014.

There was a discussion regarding some personnel issues. The fire board asked Scott to make sure he documents things and gives clear expectations to people.

The board would like to see the fire department look into an exhaust system for the station. Scott will look into before the next meeting.

The township board will be signing a new agreement with the ambulance service within the next couple of months.

The next Fire Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10 at 18:00 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 19:20.