

Hamlin Township Fire & Rescue

Fire Board Meeting

8/5/2013

Open meeting 7:00 P.M., Township Hall

Call to order by board chair: Christine Mergener @ 7:05 P.M.

Fire Board members present, C. Mergener (chair), D. Boomer, M. Gleason, J. Rienke

Township board members present, B. Henne, P. Bombreys, L. Boomer, D. Perkins

Fire Department Officers present: Chief Hendrickson, Asst. Chief Janz and recorder Simpson

Fire Chief report:

1. Current Department budget: Expenses for July was \$5991.27. Overall budget frozen
2. Training for 2013: Three FF's have completed training (FF 1 & FF2) and will take the challenge in Sept. 2013 at Roscommon. By training in house the Fire Dept. has saved hundreds of dollars. The three FF's were introduced: Cody Crippen, John Plillips and Tyler McGlaughlin. The next EMS training will be in October 2013 offering 4 E.C.E.'s. The chief also stated that several of our FF's has completed EMT-B and 1 FF has completed his paramedic training.
3. Hose tower cost savings: The chief announced that we saved \$250.00 by having the repair done in-house.

Asst. Fire Chief report:

1. Required Testing: All testing has been completed. During ladder testing 1 ladder (24 foot extension) failed the test. Discussion followed about replacing the ladder. Hose testing completed and found no faults with any hose. SCBA testing completed. All Extrication tools and equipment tested.
2. Fire apparatus (1312, 1313 & 1315 all pump tested at Spartan Motors. There were several repairs done to 2 of the trucks, but, all have been repaired and in good condition.

Department Report summary:

1. Recorder reported year to date runs are at 102. In 2012 for the same time period runs were at 139.
2. HIPA laws were discussed on having run reports not being in a secured location. Chief stated that the runs will be locked up starting ASAP.

Old Business:

1. Chief presented a new purchasing form that is being used for all purchases over \$5,000.
2. Engineer Anderson will present new apparatus specifications to the fire board. The list all though lengthy was reviewed by the fire board with much discussion from people present including Twp. Board members and representatives from the Grand Rapids Co. that the truck was purchased from.
3. The Truck was purchased from Grand Rapids Co. FABCO for \$29,990 by the township.

4. The fire apparatus committee will put together spec's for sending out for bid to at least 6 fire apparatus companies. Bids to include all needed work to be done so the truck will meet our needs and expectations. To also include the removal of the crashed box and having the frame certified before continuing to complete the truck.
5. Eaton County Tanker task force up-date: The Fire Chief reviewed changes in the response areas of the county for mutual aid for water sources. Hamlin Fire is also a member of the Ingham County tanker task force.
6. Ambulance Service up-date: The Chief stated that the new Eaton Area EMS program is working well with no complaints from fire departments or patients.
7. Billing changes: Supervisor Bombreys discussed changes for township billing for fire runs and asking for a reduction in charges for first time offenders. Much discussion followed and it was decided that the fire board members present agreed on the suggestion. This will go the Twp. Board at their next meeting for a decision .

New Business:

1. Accountability System: Captain Blackmer presented a proposal for a new 3 tag system for firefighter accountability at all fire and PI accidents. The proposal was widely accepted and will go before the Twp. board for approval for the \$701.00 cost of purchasing and implementation of the system. This is health and safety system that can save life's.
2. Fire Prevention open house funding: Captain Smith (head of the open house) stated the need for this program to continue. There is \$2,100 in the budget for this program and it was decided by the fire board and people present that this should be approved by the Twp. board, because of the budget freeze.
3. The Fire Chief and Twp. Supervisor discussed the budget freeze. Only emergency repairs and approved items of non-emergency status will be ok'd for purchase.
4. Supervisor Brombreys discussed getting rid of the light trailer. He stated that the light trailer has a cost for maintenance and repairs that are the Twp's responsibility. He suggested that the ECSD might be open to take over this responsibility. The chief and supervisor will look into this.

The next fire board will be November 4, 2013. Fire board chair stated that she will most likely call a special meeting to review the truck bids before that are sent out.

The meeting was adjourned @ 21:30 hours

Submitted by recorder P. Simpson