

# Hamlin Township Fire Board Meeting

2/3/2014

Call to order by Jon Reincke @ 7:05 P.M.

Fire Board members present, M. Gleason, J. Reincke, D. Boomer, & S. Black

Township board members present: P. Bombreys,

Fire Department Officers present: Chief Blackmer, and recorder Simpson

Chiefs report:

- 1) Reviewed current budget 2013 & 2014.
- 2) Chief presented budget for 2014 & 2015. The new budget total is the same as last year's budget. There were several items that need to be updated and Chief stated that it would be corrected and emailed to all Fire Board members for their approval. Over the entire new budget looks good. Scott stated that the radios in 1312 and 1315 will have to be replaced because of changes in new standards. Total cost will be about \$1,200. Phil stated that this is considered an emergency situation. Also Chet is looking into purchasing a pump house heater for 1312. The truck did not come with one. Chet has purchased a "diaper" for the grill on 1315. Chet states that it works well, but is still looking to buy a heater.
- 3) Renewal of Fire Millage: A discussion followed about how to approach positively for the renewal of the millage. Scott will report at the next meeting (May 5, 2014) on how the fire department will respond to getting a positive outcome from Hamlin Twp. residents. It was decided that all firefighters will be involved in doing a door to door contact with our residents. Also, will put 2 ads in our local paper about the renewal and facts about the new run charging system that should please residents.
- 4) Scott presented our training schedule for 2014. Some will be with the ERFD. There are 2 this month.
- 5) EMS training: Paul stated that Asst. Chief Smith has taken over the medical training and will have at least 2 day long training days so the firefighters can get continuing Ed. Credits.
- 6) Personnel increase: Scott discussed his goal of adding 4 or 5 fighters to our staff this year.
- 7) New 1313 update: Fire board member Boomer asked about new standards for fire truck tires and hoses. Scott stated that the tires on the new truck have been tested and certified. The truck will have all new hose. Scott also said that 1312 and 1315 will have to have tires checked by next year. The apparatus committee has visited Spencer to check the progress on the new 1313. There were several changes that needed to be done, other than that the truck is progressing well.
- 8) Sale of old 1313: This was discussed and decided that as soon as we have a delivery date for the new 1313 we will put the old truck up for sale. Probably through a vendor such as Fenton Fire whom we have used before.
- 9) Chief's wish list for 2014: there were 6 or 7 items that need to be purchased this coming year. Painting and cleaning of apparatus walls and painting of the floor. New computer monitor for the chief's office along with a wireless keyboard and mouse.
- 10) Future big ticket items: Exhaust removal system ( huge safety item) , A new water source (8") well as so we can fill our trucks at the station rather than going into the city. The completion of the new 1313, including equipment, hoses, ladders, etc.

Closed meeting to discuss the Fire Chief position. Scott has been chief for 6 months and a review was completed on his performance. After a lengthy discussion the Fire Board determined that Scott has been doing a great job and should be made the permanent Fire Chief. Phil will take Fire Boards decision and pass it on to the Township Board.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15 hrs.

Submitted by recorder P. Simpson