

Hamlin Township Fire Board Meeting

February 4, 2013

Call to order by President Jon Reinke at 1903 hours.

Board members present: J. Reinke, (Chair) C. Mergener, S. Black, D. Boomer, M. Gleason

Others attending,, P. Bombreys, C. Hendrickson (Fire Chief), L. Janz (Asst Fire Chief, P. Simpson, Recorder.

The Fire Board members introduced themselves and the visitors introduced themselves.

Election of new Fire Board Chair: Christine Mergener was elected as Fire Board chair.

Fire Chiefs Report:

- 1) Reviewed budget and payroll from year to date and he stated we are on target.
- 2) New Personnel: Chuck stated that we have 2 new Firefighters (Cody Lewis, EMT & Cody Crippen) that are currently progressing on their Firefighter I & 2 classes here at Hamlin Fire. Instructors are state certified for fire training. Cody Crippen has started the MFR classes.
- 3) Training Up-Dates: Chuck stated that he and Larry are working on bringing all Firefighters up to speed for Training, Maintenance and Business mtgs.
- 4) Chief Hendrickson stated that the HTFD total runs for 2012 was 201. Our highest run volume ever. More will be in the annual report.

Asst. Fire Chiefs report:

- 1) Asst. Chief Janz reported that all apparatus are functioning well.
- 2) He reported that the front light strobe on 1313 has burnt out and a replacement has been ordered.
- 3) Janz also stated that with the cold weather trucks will not be washed upon returning to the station from a run. They will be cleaned the next day to prevent any freezing

Safety Officer Paul Simpson (recorder)

- 1) Paul reported that there were 17 runs in January 2013.
- 2) Also announced that there will be 2 EMS classes in 2013. Both will be on Saturdays from 09:00 to 13:00 and will provide 8 CE credits per year for firefighters. The first one is scheduled for March 9th. And the second will be in November.

Old Business:

- 1) Fire apparatus spec's open discussion:
Two bids were presented and discussed.
 - A. Smeal Fire Co. Spartan Metro Star Chassis with a Smeal body complete at \$308,000. Because this bid was over the budgeted amount it was dismissed.

B. Toyne Fire Co. Spartan Ferion chassis with a Toyne body complete at \$ 270,903.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding engines, commercial vs custom chassis, maintenance, service, caterpillar vs Cummings engines. Maneuverability, safety and price.

It was decided to start over with new bids and present them to each fire board member before the next scheduled meeting in April of 2013. The Chief & Asst. Chief will oversee the bid process and present the bids to the fire board before the next meeting.

2) The chief presented a review of the fire millage and his 20 year plan for the department. Discussion followed.

The open meeting moved to a closed meeting for fire board members only.

New Business:

1) Fire Run Complaint:

Chief Hendrickson presented the complaint from a Hamlin Twp. resident regarding a burn complaint from November. After much discussion it was the decision of the fire board that the resident will be charged the \$500.00 fee for failing to have a burn permit and causing danger to his neighbors. The Fire Board discussed the training of all firefighters with diversity and Harassment training.

2) 2013 – 2014 budget presentation:

A. Past Twp. Supervisor (Dave Ballard) stated that there will be an increase in Social Security of \$\$230.00 because of salary increases this past year for the 2013-2014 budget.

B. After discussion the Social Security amount was added to the account.

C. The total budget for the Fire Department will be presented to the Twp. Board in the amount of \$128,605.

3) Fire Chief Hendrickson discussed a request from ERFD & ERTFD for Hamlin Fire to be involved with building a training center in the city of Eaton Rapids. But, there are no official drawings or prices so our chief stated that we will wait and see what happens. He also stated that Hamlin Fire has invited both other department to our trainings but no one has ever participated. He also stated that the ERTFD is having difficulty with training of their firefighters and look to the ERFD for assistance with training. The ERTFD also has an agreement with the city for mutual aid on all runs because of the small response from their department.

Round Table: A 25 year celebration.

Chair Chris Mergener announced that the next meeting will be on May 6, 2013, @ 19:00 hours

The meeting was adjourned at 21:39 hours.

Submitted by Paul Simpson Safety Officer and recorder