

Fire Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016

Present: Stan Black, Mark Risner, Matt Gleason

Absent: Dave Boomer, Jon Reinke

Ex-Officio: Scott Blackmer, Phil Bombrys

Scott asked the fire board do we want to go with a tobacco free fire department. Stan said he wouldn't change the policy. Swallow if you are chewing. There is no smoking in the building. Can smoke on the apron. If you can't be very discreet with any product in your mouth, don't chew it here.

Called to order at 7:18 pm by Matt Gleason

No changes to the agenda

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Harold did pay the whole amount \$350. The township board did not waive the fee. The fire agent paid it and is fighting for him.

No public comments

Chief – we received the Gensis Cutters. We can now cut the B post on any car. We just got the bill and processed it. We have a backup camera on 1315 as of yesterday. We have six hours of labor into it. Cody Hussey installed it because the company didn't want it back since it was a demo unit. Trucks went in for maintenance and pump testing. Everything passed. This year we will have to put some valves replaced in 12. 1312 has a little bit of a lug missing. The tire is ok. Scott ordered 8 60 minute bottles. We will put 4 into 4 air packs. 4 will extras for those. There was a price increase the first of February so we ordered before the price went up. Mark questioned someone using a bottle for 60 minutes. Scott explained that we may need it for a Haz situation or meth house. You have extra air if you need.

We are looking at putting on Ken Lehto. He is a fire fighter from Lansing. His daughter is also looking at coming on. Dave Boomer's son is planning to join the department. We have 21 with possibility of going to 24 with these three joining.

Training – There is a schedule in the packet. We will be changing April and Mays around. We sent the schedule to the city and north side. The cost for the haz mat training is about \$1,000. Mark suggested we charge a minimum charge for other departments per person – maybe \$30.

Phil mentioned that if the city and township aren't interested, invite Onondaga, Springport, etc.

Budget – The chief reviewed the budget for next year. He is not increasing the overall budget. Some of the budget accounts are being adjusted.

Goals – we need to replace the airbags. We had that on the millage renewal brochure and need to get it done.

Scott would like the walls and ceiling cleaned and painted. The floors need to be done. The deck gun on 1313. New SCBA compressor to replace the one we have. Replace IR camera. Phil said Scott is keeping an eye on the budget he hasn't abused it. He has been a good steward of the money so the township board is leaving it there. The department will probably be about \$20-25,000 under budget.

The fire board recommended that the chief take this budget to the township board.

Stan asked what the status of AED. We are up to date. We have three units on the trucks. We have pads for infants too. The question was raised if we should have one in the building. The training is done annually. It is mandatory training.

Chief is looking for input from the board – regarding training fire fighters and making it mandatory to having them sign on for two years. Turn out gear is required PPE. We might have them sign a contract it gives them the mind set that he/she is committed. Keep the gear out of it. Commitment for training is what we agree on.

Next meeting is May 9 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm