

# Hamlin Township Fire Board Meeting

May 6, 2013

Call to order by Chair Person Christine Mergener.

Board members present: C. Mergener, (Chair) S. Black, M. Gleason

Board members absent: D. Boomer, J. Reinke

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

Guests: Dawn Osterhout, Bill Russell and David Russell.

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

Dawn Osterhout proceeded to discuss a fire run bill that was charged to her for a fire run in February. She claimed that she should not have been billed because in her estimation there was no fire. Asst. Chief Janz stated that he had been call to her residence because of a complaint from her neighbor regarding her burning trash. Dawn was told the rules for outside burning and asked her to put the fire out because of a complaint. Early in February HTFD received a 911 dispatch for a fire complaint at Dawn's address. A discussion followed about the run. After the guests left the meeting the Fire Board votes 2 to 1 to uphold the fire run charge.

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: HTFD fighters participated in a live burn with Eaton Rapids Twp. Fire and Eaton Rapids fire. Also later this month HTFD will participate with Onondaga Fire for a water shuttle training at the VFW National Home.
- 4) Chief Hendrickson stated that the HTFD runs for 2013 year to date was 60.

Asst. Fire Chiefs report:

- 1) Asst. Chief Janz reported that all apparatus are functioning well.
- 2) Janz also reported that all SCBA equipment has been tested and 2 masks were found broken and should not be used. 2 Masks from storage were replaced the broken masks.
- 3) Janz also stated that the SCBA compressor has been tested and everything is ok.

Safety Officer Paul Simpson

- 1) Simpson reported that the HTFD will present 2 EMS training each year. The first one was May 4, 2013. The second will be this fall.

- 2) Simpson also reported that all HTFD FF's are licensed with the State of Michigan and the Tri-County Medical Authority. Several times a year HTFD will have re-cert training as so our FFs can be in compliance with the Tri-county rule.
- 3) 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 9<sup>th</sup>. And the second will be in November.
- 4) Simpson also reviewed a new S.O.G. for hostile situation calls.
- 5) He also showed the board new personal bags for patient belongings. Provided by the Tri-County Medical Authority.

Old Business:

- 1) Fire run fees were discussed and the fire board would like to have a reduced charge for runs where no fire extinguishment are needed. \$250.00 was mentioned. Chair person Mergener stated that they should wait until the next meeting because 2 board members were absent.
- 2) The chief stated that the new fire truck purchase has been put on hold.
- 3) Chief Hendrickson announced that he has selected firefighters to be on the 25<sup>th</sup> year fire department celebration. Chosen are Don Galloway, past Deputy Chief, Dave Jamieson, past deputy Chief, Darlene Smith, Captain, Heather Dickenson and Matt Gleason, Fire Board Member. The Chief asked Matt to arrange a meeting to start planning. .

New Business:

- 1) New NFPA new standards.
  - a. All fire hose will be replaced after 25 years. A discussion followed and Chief stated that this rule has not been cast in stone yet. Fire vendors favor this rule.
  - b. Fire truck tires will be tested every 10 years. By removing all tires and checking them for wear and cracking,. The tire vendors would like to see all tires replaced after 10 years. Again Chief Hendrickson stated that this is not cast in stone.
- 2) FDIC up-date on new car construction: The Chief stated that with improved car door hinges it will be necessary to upgrade out Extrication cutter to a higher cutting strength as so the cut the new and improved material that will be used for hinges.
- 3) Chief Hendrickson stated that he would like the Fire Board to consider paying for one half on the yearly maintenance for the building generator. The cost for yearly maintenance is \$150.00 and would like the township to pay \$75.00 towards the total cost.
- 4) Chief Hendrickson stated the current ISO rating for homes in Hamlin Twp. is 8. He stated that there are some areas where we could reduce this amount to a rate of 7, which would save Hamlin Twp. residents money on their home insurance. More to follow.
- 5) The Chief discussed current Labor & MIOSHA standards. Phil and Paul will review this and contact MIOSHA directly to find out exactly what the Twp. has to post (signage).
- 6) Chief stated that the twp. has a new purchasing policy. Any amount of \$5,000.00 or more will have to be approved by the Twp. Supervisor and board. In emergency situations the Twp. Supervisor will contact the board members by phone for approval. (costly fire truck repairs)

Round Table: Supervisor Bombreys questioned whether the fire dept. has a policy for non-firefighters responding to the station or the scene with a firefighter. Simpson stated that Phil and he will review the Public Act 300 for a ruling for this situation.

Chair Chris Mergener announced that the next meeting will be on August 5, 2013.4th 2013, @ 19:00 hours

The meeting was adjourned at 21:45 hours.

Submitted by Paul Simpson Safety Officer and recorder