

Hamlin Township Fire Board Meeting

November 12, 2012

Call to order by President Jon Reinke at 1903 hours.

Board members present: J. Reinke, (Chair) C. Mergener, S. Black, S. Colgrove, C. Hendrickson, D. Ballard, (Twp. Supervisor) L. Janz, P. Simpson (recorder).

Others attending,, Phil Bombrys, Laura Boomer, Matt Gleeson, Dave Boomer, and Chet Anderson (FF)

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

Firefighter Chet Anderson presented information on 3 new fire trucks that his committee is working on. Chet presented 3 options. 1. Custom truck. 2. Commercial truck. 3. Used truck. We hope to purchase a new truck to replace our present truck 1313 in the next several years. Much discussion followed Chet's presentation. It was decided by the fire board to get bids on a commercial truck and also Chuck will continue to look for a used truck with a snorkel that would suit our needs. The fire board asked Chet and Chuck if they could have a 1 or 2 sheet scenario of what the Fire Department needs are for a new truck.

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 that are currently progressing on their Firefighter I & 2 classes here at Hamlin Fire. Instructors are state certified for fire training.
- 3) Leave of Duty: Captain Scott Blackmer has returned to duty from his personal leave. Captain Mark Crippen will continue his medical into Feb. of 1213. Firefighter EMT Francis D'Hyvetter has been promoted to Lieutenant.
- 4) Training Up-Dates: Chuck stated that he and Larry are working on bringing all Firefighters up to speed for Training, Maintenance and Business mtgs. The Chief stated that 4 firefighters are delinquent in attendance.
- 5) Chief Hendrickson stated that the Department is ahead of last year's runs. Year to date 2011 runs was at 141 and 2012 year to date is as 183.
- 6) Firefighter/EMT Carson Ackley has submitted his resignation from Hamlin Fire because of his job situation.
- 7) Chuck presented an operational funds report that at the end of the current fire millage there will be \$394,539.71 available for fire apparatus purchase.
- 8) Chuck reported that 8 of our firefighters have completed a fire engineer class taught by our in-house instructors.

Asst. Fire Chiefs report:

Asst. Chief Janz reported that all apparatus are functioning well and that we had repairs on the building because of 2 accidents that occurred.

Safety Officer Paul Simpson (recorder)

- 1) Announced that a change was been made to the LEAVE OF ABSENCE SOP. There was no information listed for a medical leave. That has been added and approved by the Fire Chief.
- 2) Paul stated the progress on digitizing old records. All fire runs from 1988 through 2009 have been digitized and stored in 3 different places for security. All of the past firefighter files also have been digitized. He is currently working on all maintenance and training files. This project will free up a lot of storage space needed for our future needs.
- 3) Paul reported in the year 2012 we had 2 EMS trainings to bring all our medical firefighters up to date and also allow them to accrue continuing education points to renew their licenses in the future.
- 4) Paul also stated that he is working with the human resource department at the ERMC to redo all of our ID badges. This will happen at the first of next year at a cost of \$5.00 each. We will need approximately 30 badges at a total cost of \$150.00

Old Business:

- 1) The Chief stated that a public awareness training is needed for all of our officers to deal with the public and how to defuse possible negative situations. Much discussion followed and the Chief stated that all officers had this training during the fire officer classes.
- 2) Brookfield Twp. Fire contract has been signed and is in effect. A variance was discussed about a wild land fire incident for a Brookfield resident earlier this year. Discussion followed. The Chief stated that a fire run of this nature would cost the Township approximately \$200.00. The Fire Board agreed that a total charge will be \$500.00 billed to Brookfield Twp. The resident stated that the fire was out by the time the fire dept. arrived. But there is a cost of a run of this type that was mentioned above of what a fire run of this type cost the Twp.
- 3) Supervisor Dave Ballard reported on a meeting he attended about the new Eaton Area EMS. His question for Director John Truba was were there any reduction or additional response times. John stated that he still collecting data and will report at the next meeting.
- 4) Chuck stated that the Fire Prevention Open House was a success even with the bad weather. Four hundred twenty attended. And this years Safety Town was again attended by our Fire Department.

New Business:

- 1) The 2012 Holiday party will be on Dec. 9th, 2012 at 13:00 hours and will be catered again by Art Reist mother. The Fire Dept. will pay only for the meat. (ham and turkey)
- 2) Chuck announced that the Dept. will again sponsor a family for Christmas. Each FF will donate \$25.00 and each officer will donate \$30.00. He invited all fire board members to participate.
- 3) Mutual Aid Apparatus update: Both Eaton Rapids Twp. Fire and Onondaga Fire have new Tankers.
- 4) Chuck discussed runs to the same address and person for approximately 2 months we have made 7 runs. A discussion followed about the liability is the Fire Dept. reduced the time for response. The fire board stated that it should be treated as toned. Priority 1, 2 or 3 response.
- 5) Fire Chief Hendrickson reported that new high pressure air bags valve replacement has been purchased for \$600. The Firefighters Association has picked up \$300 and the rest will come from the millage fund.
- 6) Chuck stated that the Fire Dept. form INCIDENT REPORT TO TOWNSHIP CLERK should be changed so that the resident should contact the Township government with questions about runs and charges. A discussion followed and the form will be discussed further. Dave stated that the form in question is sent along with a full report from the F.D. and a letter from the township.

Round Table: Supervisor Ballard stated that he will share budget information that he will share with Chuck and Larry that will help with next years budget.

Dave also thanked all fire board members for their dedication and expertise for their service and hoped they will all stay on the board in the future.

Chuck Hendrickson thanked Supervisor Ballard for his attendance and guidance this past 8 years.

Phil Bombrys stated that the current fire board should be asked to continue their service.

Chair Jon Reinke announced that the next meeting will be on Feb.4th 2013, @ 19:00 hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:40 hours.

Submitted by Paul Simpson Safety Officer and recorder