

Hamlin Township Fire Board Meeting
February 9, 2015
19:00 hours

- The meeting was called to order by President Jon Rienke @ 19:10 hrs.
- Board members present: Risner, Boomer, Bombreys, Gleason & Reincke.
Others present: Blackme (Fire Chief) & Simpson (AA)

Absent: Black.

Board member Risner moved the minutes from the last meeting be accepted and was seconded by board member Gleason.

One change in the agenda: Twp. Supervisor added Purchase procedure to the agenda.

- Fire Chief's report:
 1. Scott presented the annual report for the fire dept. for 2014.
 2. Chief Blackmer reviewed updates for truck 1313.
 3. Scott announced the Fire Fighter Hoying has retired as of Jan. 31, 2015.
 4. The Chief stated that we have 2 new Fire fighters and have started their training. This brings our membership up to 24.
 5. Scott announced that he has started a new training schedule. There will be training once a month on Sundays for 3 to 4 hours. This change will allow more FF's to attend training.
 6. The Fire board gave a very positive response to the Fire Depts. Performance during 2014.
 7. Scott presented several pieces of equipment that he was looking at for the upcoming year. A new exhaust removal system for the station and an new gas monitor. Scott has 2 bids for the exhaust systems approximately \$25,000. The new gas monitor would be approximately \$1,000. In order to be in NFPA compliance the gas monitor and the exhaust system would put us closer to being in NFPA compliance. Scott mentioned that the state on Michigan is not an NFPA compliance state. He also mentions that the new exhaust system could reduce our insurance premiums.
 8. Scott presented the 2015/2016 budget for the fire department. The Fire Board reviewed the budget and gave their approval.
 9. Chief also stated that he is looking to fill 2 Lieutenant positions this year.

10. Scott stated that he had purchased 10 new 50' x 2 ½" of hose because they failed the yearly hose testing.

- Assistant Fire Chief's report: Not present.

Township Supervisors report:

1. Phil resented a new purchase procedure for the township that includes the fire department.
2. Phil stated that there is an increase in the EAEMS coverage for Hamlin Township of 10%
3. He stated that the Township Board is looking at Firefighter and Officer pay in the next few months. He wants to bring up the salaries and run dollars in line with surrounding Fire Departments.

- Round Table: no responses.

Next Fire Board meeting will be May 11, 2015

Meeting adjourned @ 20:47 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Simpson (AA)