

Hamlin Township Fire Board

November 9, 2015

Present: Dave Boomer, Jon Reinke, Stan Black, Mark Risner

Ex-Officio: Scott Blackmer, Phil Bombrys

Called to order 7:00 pm by Jon Reinke

No public comments.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Harold Hovey requested to address the board regarding a fire department bill for an accident his daughter was in December 18, 2014. He explained the circumstances of bad weather and black ice contributing to the accident. His insurance company was billed but refused to pay for the fire department's response. The township board has talked with this insurance company several different times and has sent them all the paperwork asked for. They are still refusing to pay the \$350 bill. Harold requested he be released from paying the bill.

The board discussed the situation and the ramifications of waiving the fee. Harold is not a township resident and we could be setting a precedence if we were to waive the fee. The board made a recommendation to the township board that have his daughter pay \$100 in 4 installments in the next four months. Harold said he wasn't happy with paying anything but he would be agreeable.

The chief updated the board on an accident that occurred a couple of weeks ago in our township. The department was unable to cut the B post on a Chevy Cruz with our Genesis cutters. They were able to cut it with a diamond tip blade that we had purchased for the saw. Scott would like to purchase the Genesis C-365 cutters. This would be able to cut through the newer vehicles that are coming out. None of the local departments have the equipment to cut through them at this time. The fire board made the recommendation to the township board that the fire department buy this piece of equipment.

The chief updated the board on the fire department personnel. We currently have 20 members. Rita Sears has moved to Texas. Joe Holmes is coming back on the department. All three of our members that went through the fire fighter training passed.

1312 is going into Spartan Motors for full service and pump testing. 1313 and 1315 will also have pump testing done. Codi Hussey works for Spartan Motors and will take the trucks over for us.

We have a couple of guys who can do fabrication work and has helped with several projects at the station.

Sterling Heights has the same frequency as our pagers and are tripping ours when theirs goes off. We may need to go back to our old frequency until this issue can be resolved.

The Christmas party is December 11 at 1:00 pm. Scott invited the fire board to please join the department for the party. The fire fighters will be sworn in at that time.

Phil met with the ambulance service in October. They are bringing on another ambulance next year. Response time has been good. We only have five times this year when Windsor was needed for coverage. The average response time is 7-8 minutes.

Supervisor Morgan from Eaton Rapids Township was at the meeting and said there is no plan to dissolve the north end fire department. He will keep Phil in the loop on what is going on.

February 8 is out next meeting. We will be discussing the budget then.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.