

**Minutes**  
**Joint Powers Meeting Stacy Lent Fire Department**  
**30785 Forest Blvd., Stacy, MN 55079**  
**March 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

**LENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and the pledge was recited.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. Second by T. Sawatzy. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 5, 2022, JANUARY 9, 2023, AND JANUARY 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2022 and January 24, 2023. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. Second by D. Thieling. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Potrament reported on the following:

- 27 members
- 3 on leave
- 1 in the military
- Members are stepping up to take on projects
- Background checks have been submitted
- They are not back yet
- 64 calls

**RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT**

M. Thompson said that a couple checks have gone out. He will send out the PERA numbers to the Clerks because the report only goes through January. T. Nelson said that Joint Powers would like the numbers monthly or quarterly. M. Thompson talked about the investments and current market which both seem to be better.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget**

T. Potrament said that they are doing well on the budget and do not ever go over. The wages do not come out until the end of the year. M. Utecht said he would like the Chiefs to explain if they think they will go over a line item. J. Barrett requested some more detail in the budget and compared the numbers to next months. He agreed with the mayor and would like them to flag certain numbers that may look questionable and explain them.

**Recruitment**

A former member is looking to come back to the department. R. Keller made a motion to

approve the members return. Second by T. Nelson. **R. Keller amended his motion for approval of Robert Raines upon license and a background check. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. T. Sawatzy seconded. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

**R. Keller made a motion to approve Jackson Johnson upon license and background check. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. Second by D. Thieling. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

### **Painting SLFD Bays**

R. Keller requested the Chief to get them more estimates. T. Potrament said they would also like to switch the lights to LEDs to save energy.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approve Two New Firefighters**

Discussed above

#### **Updating SOP's**

T. Potrament explained that 70% of the calls are medical and they would like to change the SOPs. N. Dodge said there may be some people who are interested in working with the medical side, but not the fire fighting. Currently, all of the members are trained on medical and she, herself, is the medical captain. The board and council would like to have FD members who just do the medical side and they may eventually realize they would like to be trained in firefighting as well. Having people trained to do medical will help the department and benefit any victims. M. Utecht added that this may be a good recruitment tool as well. M. Thompson said that other departments are having membership issues and if you can get five people on the department for medical, that is five more members. N. Dodge explained what their role would be as a member trained in medical. It would allow for more coverage throughout all hours of the day and night as well as holidays.

**R. Keller made a motion to adopt the change to the SOPs. Second by J. Barrett. This will not affect insurance. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. Second by T. Sawatzy. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

#### **New Radios and SCBA / PERA and Stacy's share**

C. Cagle talked about the Final Rule and mentioned emergency operation centers and systems. There is a special way to make a motion which must be recorded. M. Thompson mentioned that COVID money could be used. New radios and budgeting were discussed. C. Cagle said she will talk with S. Aker regarding this. T. Smolke will post a special Joint Powers meeting to discuss the radios only. **R. Keller made a motion to hold a special Joint Powers meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the radios. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. Second by T. Sawatzy. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

#### **Lakes Region First Responder Money**

T. Nelson said that S. Aker had some questions regarding the money. N. Dodge said it is for supplies and it was decided to be left in there until the radios are discussed.

### **MBFTE Money from the Class Room**

T. Potrament explained each year, the state gives this to the Fire Marshal office for reimbursements. The MBFTE money goes into the training fund. **M. Utecht made a motion that the MBFTE money goes into training and the money currently there goes to training. Second by T. Sawatzy. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

**R. Keller made a motion to concur with Stacy. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

M. Utecht said the money is not returned to the municipalities; it goes into the radio maintenance fund. R. Keller noted that they need to start talking about a purchase of a new truck.

### **Exterior Lights on 24/7**

T. Nelson said the back light and pole barn lights are always on. K. Williams stated that there was a break in.

C. Cagle asked about the Final Rule and Zole, but it was decided to focus on the radios first.

### **FIREFIGHTER COMMENTS**

E. Cohen said he has noticed more members showing up for calls.

M. Thompson said he has had positive feedback from the crew he works with.

### **ADJOURN**

**B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Second by R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned for Stacy at 8:49pm.**

**The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, June 5, 2023. Stacy will preside.**

  
*Stacy Mayor*

  
*Lent Chair*

  
*Joint Powers Secretary*

#### **Joint Powers Present**

Troy Nelson  
Jeff Barrett  
Tim Sawatzy  
Dennis Thieling  
Marie Lawrence  
Jennie Lawrence  
Mark Utecht  
Rick Keller  
Brian Seekon  
Carolyn Cagle

#### **Fire Department Present**

TJ Potrament  
Kurt Williams  
Eric Cohen  
Matt Thompson  
Niki Dodge  
Larry Granberg

#### **Others Present**

Tanya Smolke  
Dick Stiers

