

Minutes
Stacy Lent Area Fire Department
Joint Powers Meeting
December 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm

STACY CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

M. Ness called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

J. Ness made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by T. Olivolo. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

B. Seekon made a motion to concur with Stacy. Second by L. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried by Lent.

APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

J. Ness noted that where it states M. Ness, it should be J. Ness. J. Ness also questioned the numbers for the general and special fund. N. Peltier confirmed the numbers in the minutes were correct.

J. Ness made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted change. Second by T. Olivolo. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

L. Johnson made a motion to concur with Stacy. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Potrament reported on the following:

- One person is on leave
- 4 still in class
 - Should be done by the end of the year
- Budget:
- They only purchase what is necessary
- Admin shouldn't come down much more
- New equipment \$7k plus last year
- 2 members need turnout gear
- Supplies and maintenance
 - not planning on anything
- Training
 - Getting low
- Wages
 - More calls this year
 - 251 last year
 - 274 this year

N. Peltier said he does not think they are going to go over. Some line items will be red some black.

R. Keller said they should bump it up ten thousand dollars because more people are coming into the community. N. Peltier said if it is a wet year it could go down because a lot of what they do is grass fires. T. Potrament said there have been more structure fires this year. The hours add up with structure fires. N. Peltier said there was a car accident a month ago which took 5-6 hours. 2 helicopters were there.

N. Peltier knows the budget is going up next year and said they are cutting it close this year. R. Keller said they are doing a wonderful job managing money. T. Potrament said he was worried about hourly wages. J. Ness requested they give the Joint Powers a break down showing where they are at hourly at the June meeting so they can figure out their budget.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT

N. Peltier passed out a sheet and said they were doing well until October. R. Keller said it will come back. N. Peltier said State aid is \$24,598.36. N. Peltier thanked the Joint Powers for the \$20k donation. They had a couple payouts and a 1 percent loss. The State likes to see a 5 percent gain. The total is \$613,421.85 which does not include the \$20k from the municipalities. N. Peltier went over the numbers with the Joint Powers. He stated that he would like to request \$1900 per year. They are at \$1800 as of December 31 from \$1600. They would be 98 percent funded and to keep going up. The maximum benefit the State would allow is \$2800. N. Peltier said under 95 percent, the State would make us pay. N. Peltier said the Joint Powers have always been generous and he has been watching the market.

J. Ness and M. Ness said they are leaning toward the \$1850 because of the loss. J. Ness made a motion to raise the payout to \$1850 and to start 1-1-2019. Second by T. Olivolo. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

R. Keller made a motion to concur with Stacy. Second by B. Seekon for discussion. L. Johnson said he does not see why they can't go to \$1900. They have 5 years to kick in \$20k to be fully funded again and he said it is doable. T. Nelson said he agrees with L. Johnson. N. Peltier said as soon as you get to 95 percent the State does not make you pay in.

All nays. Motion fails for Lent

T. Nelson made a motion to approve \$1900 starting 1-1-2019. Second by L. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

T. Olivolo made a motion to concur with Lent. Motion fails lack of a second.

C. Lucia said there are too many *ifs* involved. L. Johnson said having a reasonable retirement fund is a recruiting tool. We have been sitting at 30-34 fighters and our population has been going up. We have more runs, but the same number of people. B. Seekon said the market is going to ebb and flow. He feels it is going to be fine. T. Nelson said at \$1850 it could still be bad if we fall below 95 percent. N. Peltier said 95 percent is like an A. Now they are at 114 percent. He has never asked for a non-responsible request.

M. Utecht arrived to the meeting and M. Ness updated him on what items he had missed.

M. Utecht said he would like to be fair to the Fire Department and the tax payers. He said he feels the market will continue to grow, but not at the pace it has been. He said he would lean towards the \$1900. Last year they went up by \$200. It has typically been a \$100 per year increase in the past. They asked for

a \$300 increase last year and got a \$200 increase. N. Peltier said mathematically it should work at \$100 per year.

M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent and go with \$1900 starting 1-1-2019. Second by T. Olivolo. 3 yeas. 2 nays. 3-2 motion passes for Stacy.

Yea votes: Utecht, Olivolo, Lucia
Nay votes: J. Ness, M. Ness

OLD BUSINESS

New Grass Rig

T. Potrament said it came in today and they have to get it outfitted for next spring. M. Utecht asked what they are doing with the old one. J. Meyer has been driving it. T. Potrament said they are going to use all of the lights off of the old one with the exception of the light bar.

Operating Budget

J. Ness made a motion to set the 2019 operating budget to \$230,600. M. Ness seconds. All in favor, motion carried for the City of Stacy.

R. Keller made a motion to concur with Stacy. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

Dive team Boat

T. Potrament said the boat is out in the bay. There was an issue with the transom. The repair estimate was \$2-3k. L. Granberg called Lund and they paid all of it. They are going to Rapid Sports tomorrow. T. Nelson said to insure everything.

Replace C-3 truck

They purchased a Tahoe with lights for \$8k. It has a good maintenance program and is in the bay. The F150 was replaced because it was costing a lot of money. They are going to sell it. It is not in that great of shape. J. Meyer said the oil pressure is not good. M. Utecht said they could donate it. L. Johnson said a mechanic may buy it. The body is in fair shape. M. Utecht said it has to say low oil pressure in the ad. It has a bad lifter. Someone can put a motor in it. M. Utecht said get what you can for it and be honest. All were in agreement to sell it.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Powers Amendment – Rent

M. Utecht asked what Lent wanted to change. B. Seekon said the wording was a little ambiguous. M. Ness said it can be amended at any time. M. Utecht said if there is a good reason to change the amount, both sides will agree. He does not feel there should be a time stated in the agreement. He said Lent will still own the building and that they pay for their portion through rent. B. Seekon said if something were to happen, we could come to an agreement. M. Utecht explained how he and R. Keller arrived at the \$7500

by using 'napkin math'. L. Johnson said he would like a nest egg. J. Ness said it is for maintenance, not for the cost of the building of it. T. Nelson said there are still increases on rent and would like to review it more often than ten years. M. Ness said the Joint Powers says it can be amended at any time. T. Nelson said we need to have something in there that says it could be looked at yearly. C. Lucia said he would be okay with five years.

T. Olivolo said they were not paying anything before and they want to start giving Lent something. B. Seekon said because the Fire Department uses it, they should have a lease. It would go into their budget. M. Utecht said it does not matter which pail it goes into or who holds the money. It will go to the Fire Department and back to Lent.

B. Seekon said if there are expenses, they would need to amend it he is willing. M. Utecht said he is willing to amend it down the road, but he is not willing if they are talking about COLA. R. Keller said he feels it is fair and it is better than it was before.

M. Ness made a motion to approve the Joint Powers amendment Stacy's resolution 2018-12-1. Second by J. Ness All in favor, motion

R. Keller made a motion to concur with Stacy's motion and approve Lent's resolution 2018-28. B. Seekon seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Blue Signs

T. Potrament said he is concerned as to when these will be installed because they are important. R. Keller said Lent has the signs. B. Seekon said someone named Nate will install them in the spring. Stacy is not going to put signs in. L. Johnson said it was a grant for the Township. T. Potrament said he would like the City of Stacy to remind its residents to label their houses or mailboxes.

Cancer Insurance

N. Peltier said it would be someone from one of the companies. There are programs for \$6-7 per month. N. Peltier said it may be a good hiring point. M. Ness agreed. N. Peltier has talked with one company and asked if he should get more information. It would have nothing to do with any other illness, only cancer. This charge would be on top of the budget. M. Utecht said he does not know enough about it. N. Peltier said he would like to have someone come in and talk to the Joint Powers about the insurance. L. Johnson would like to look into it. N. Peltier said it starts with cancer. There is a cancer/heart insurance as well. The stuff that is burning nowadays is not good. J. Ness said at the next meeting he would like to hear about it. T. Nelson said he would like to look at more than one company. M. Utecht said get one that is willing to talk to the Joint Powers. If the Board and Council like it then they will have a 3-person committee and they will present the information to the Joint Powers to get the basics. N. Peltier said he will have the information for the March Joint Powers meeting.

Snow Plowing

T. Potrament asked who will plow the Fire Department and when. R. Keller said Lent Maintenance will and they will get the Fire Department lot done first. T. Potrament said he does not want to see an ambulance getting stuck and would like the lot cleared right away. J. Meyer said they had to pull people out last year. R. Keller said he used to plow the parking lot, but he stopped after he got on the Board. He was having the guys plow the roads and then the parking lot. Now they are plowing the parking lot first.

M. Utecht said to call Tanner or Ian if they need to. The most important place to have it cleared is in front of the bays and on the north end.

ADJOURN

M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, March 4, 2019. Lent will preside.

BOARD/COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

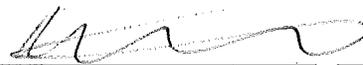
Brian Seekon
Lyle Johnson
Troy Nelson
Rick Keller
Chuck Lucia
James Ness
Tony Olivolo
Mark Utecht
Mark Ness

FIREFIGHTERS PRESENT:

TJ Potrament
Nick Peltier
Joe Meyer



RICK KELLER
CHAIR, TOWNSHIP OF LENT



MARK UTECHT
MAYOR, CITY OF STACY



KELLY WOOD
JOINT POWERS SECRETARY

