

**Minutes**  
**Stacy Lent Area Fire Department**  
**Joint Powers Meeting**  
**June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm**

**1. STACY CALLS MEETING TO ORDER**

**M. Utecht called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

**M. Ness made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Ness seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion to concur with Stacy's motion. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**3. APPROVE THE MARCH 5, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

**M. Ness made a motion to approve the March 5, 2018 meeting minutes. J. Ness seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion to concur with Stacy's motion. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**4. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief T. Potrament commented on the following:

- The mower is leaking oil in the back bay
- Everything is going well and the members are happy
- There are 4 new members
- 2 new members are EMT certified and available during the day
- 1 is off probation and in September will become full time
  
- 138 runs
- Hours are up by 23
- There have been several structure fires
- Spending a lot more time at calls

- They are initiating a cancer program
  - Important in Fire service
  - Firefighter's are 30 percent more likely to get cancer
  - Health and Wellness group is putting together the guidelines
  - They have enough hoods that they are able to wash them all
  - The neck and wrists need to be protected
  - The synthetics that are burning (glue, plastic, sawdust, etc.) are major contributors

M. Utecht asked about asbestos. N. Peltier said they are less worried about it than the new plastics. Everyone should come back and wash their gear. Everyone gets a new hood while the dirty one is getting washed in case of a new fire call. Some communities use the scene as a hazmat situation. T. Nelson asked about air quality meters. T. Potrament said there are monitors in the Chief's trucks for CO that pick up gas. T. Potrament said they used to remove their mask and they no longer do that. They are trying to change the culture for safety. There are going to be more cancer safety opportunities coming up.

## **5. RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT**

N. Peltier said the ending balance is \$699,213.57 with general and special. There have been no major payouts yet. They are getting ready for \$66k to come out within the next month. The year to date investments through April are down. Long term \$(7,078.79) and short term \$(136.76).

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Old Grass Rig**

T. Potrament said they have not purchased the new truck. All of the 2018 trucks are sold out. They are going to have to purchase a 2019 which is going to cost \$1k - \$1,500k more than expected. They are aiming to have one ready for spring.

They purchased a new floor scrubber and it works great.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Maintenance Budget**

T. Potrament said they had some major issues with Engine 1. It is a 2004 and the air tanks are showing a lot of rust. The fuel tank rusted where the straps were. The tanker has had to have some maintenance as well. M. Utecht asked if they can get a poly tank on the new rig. T. Potrament said they will check into it. N. Peltier said the rig will be inside during the winter. They have spent an extra \$11k for truck repairs.

## **b. Operating Budget**

N. Peltier said the insurance was paid after the last meeting and before this meeting. The utilities have gone up.

J. Ness noted that they have already spent the training budget. T. Potrament said yes and it is a great thing. They have been giving members extra training. Last year 4 people had training and this year 12.

They will get some of the money back from the State. (A minimum of \$4k) They split their training fund with admin last year. N. Peltier said J. Meyer has been bringing in outside trainers. They had to pay a flat rate for the cancer awareness program. All of the surrounding departments were able to attend as well.

M. Utecht said if something is going to go over budget, send an email to the Clerks to send to the Joint Powers. J. Ness asked the Chief if he is going to be within the \$210,600 budget. T. Potrament said they are going to be pretty close. T. Potrament noted that wages are going up. J. Ness reiterated that if they are going to go over they need to let the Council know so they can get the money together. T. Potrament said they will get some training money in August.

T. Nelson feels the budget should be increased. M. Utecht said the City finalizes their budget in December. N. Peltier said they can try to keep the training in house for the remainder of the year. M. Utecht said he would like to prepare for higher training budgets. C. Cagle said the cancer training may raise training budgets. J. Ness said they need the numbers as soon as possible because they cannot raise the budget after September.

There are members who are coming up for retirement. It is \$4k per set of gear.

B. Seekon said there are a bunch of expenditures that tend to come up. L. Johnson said there needs to be a line to the operating budget for building maintenance. Lent paid for the building 100 percent. They are looking at replacing the roof in the next five to ten years. It is an asphalt roof and the replacement is estimated at \$100k.

\$20k for 5 years. This would be split at the standard 70/30 = 14k (Lent)/6k (Stacy). This will be on top of the regular operating budget. L. Johnson talked to a lawyer and they can set up a separate fund (CD) to get a small interest rate. M. Utecht said they will check with their lawyer.

R. Keller said with the changing demographics they should raise the budget to \$230k. B. Seekon said with the new safety and equipment, he agrees and does not think \$30k is that out of line. M. Utecht clarified they were talking about a total of \$50k with the roof budget increase. N. Peltier said if it is not spent, it comes back to the Joint Powers.

T. Nelson asked about new packs. N. Peltier said they will all need to be replaced in two years because they are outdated. They need 40 new masks, 25 new packs and they need a spare bottle with every pack. Total: \$180-280k

N. Peltier said they have a grant request in right now for \$250k. M. Utecht said the two entities can bond for the equipment if they do not get the grant. T. Nelson said they cannot assume they will get the grant nor can they assume they will get to borrow the money.

N. Peltier added that the packs are good for ten years.

M. Utecht said they talked about hiring a grant writer at one time. TJ said they did hire a grant writer for \$600.

T. Nelson asked if Lent wants to discuss a number right now. He said they need to plan for two years from now for the equipment. For building maintenance and a general increase in general fund. T. Nelson said he would like to see an extra \$50k in the budget. C. Cagle said \$300k. T. Nelson said yes.

M. Ness asked about the fire trucks. L. Johnson said there is a separate fund for the trucks. T. Nelson said he does not think it should go under the fire equipment fund. It should be a sub-fund.

L. Johnson asked N. Peltier to get a lease to own. Either they pay up front or a pay over 3 years. It is \$200k if they pay up front. 40 masks, 25 packs and 50 bottles. It does not include turnout gear. N. Peltier is going to bring the numbers to the next meeting.

### **c. Roof Addition**

T. Potrament would like to put a roof out the back of the building. Currently, they have been using a tarp during the bash and they would prefer something permanent. N. Peltier said they would like it to be asphalt, between 25-35 feet long and not enclosed. The longest panel T. Nelson said he could get is 26 feet.

C. Lucia said the only time it would be used is in the summer. M. Ness said in his opinion, for a once a year thing he cannot see increasing the budget for it. T. Potrament said it is not a once a year thing. They do group events, kid safety, car show, the Bash, etc. They would like to run lights in there. The wind rips the tarp and they have their bar set up under it.

T. Potrament stated he would like permission to get numbers for the roof. The Council and Board said to go ahead and get numbers. T. Nelson said he is all for it and L. Johnson said he is too if they find a reasonable price.

8. ADJOURN

M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

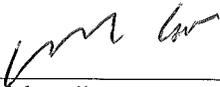
The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, September 10, 2018. Lent will preside.

City/Township Present:

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

Firefighters Present:

TJ Potrament  
Nick Peltier  
Larry Granberg



Rick Keller, Lent Town Chair



Mark Utecht, Stacy Mayor



Kelly Wood, Joint Powers Secretary

