

Minutes
Joint Powers Meeting
Stacy Lent Fire Department
30785 Forest Blvd., Stacy, MN 55079
June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm

STACY CALLS MEETING TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

M. Ness made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by M. Utecht. 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.

APPROVE THE MARCH 7, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

M. Ness made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2022. Second by M. Utecht. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Potrament reported on the following:

- Currently have 25 members
 - Have a Recruiting Campaign coming up (includes more online technology with QR codes, videos and social media platforms)
 - Having a Recruitment Workshop
 - They have a couple interviews with potential members
 - Minimum age is 18 years old to be a member (noted it is difficult to retain younger members)
 - Would like a new member to commit to 10-20 years (not easy to do)
- 133 calls
- 144.5 hours
- Have a new wooden prop structure outside that will be covered with plexiglass
 - It is moveable
 - They would like a concrete pad under it

C. Cagle noted her positive experience being a part of the SLFD family; it makes for a nice family, good friends, and you get a good experience. T. Potrament also noted that it is hard nowadays because of the chance of cancer that comes with being a firefighter. M. Utecht asked the SLFD to let the Joint Powers know what they do, so that they can help advertise their recruiting campaign. T. Nelson said volunteer firefighters are on a huge decline and S. Olson said it is a nationwide issue.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT

M. Utecht commented on the new look of the documents and T. Potrament said they come right off the website. He tried to get a report to show crude liability but that information will not come

out until August. S. Bengston and S. Olson are both going to get access to the report; the City and Township already have access. M. Utecht said we took a huge hit that we knew was coming. T. Nelson said that investing like before was riskier but he believes the state does not do that anymore. T. Potrament mentioned that the state has list of investments.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

T. Potrament said that fuel costs are going up. T. Nelson made recommendation to raise that along with insurance. Last year it went up \$7000 and now that everyone has their equipment, it is approximately another \$3000. T. Potrament said to put in an increase to ten percent. T. Sawatzky asked if we can put in tank for gas at the fire department. T. Potrament said he is not sure we can as we would need spill protection, etc. S. Olson mentioned the three types of fuels used. It was agreed upon that the SLFD does not need a tank. The budget was raised from \$230,000 to \$265,000 and T. Potrament said they were hoping to raise wages for the guys and the officers, but gas went up. T. Nelson said it is not going to stop going up.

PERA SLFD Relief Association

T. Potrament said this has been covered.

American Rescue Plan Act

C. Cagle said she has asked for K. Williams to provide two additional quotes.

Painting SLFD Bays

Tabled until September.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

B. Seekon made a motion to concur with M. Utecht. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022. Lent will preside.

Stacy/ Lent Present

Mark Utecht

Troy Nelson

Rick Keller

Carolyn Cagle

Jess Eischens

Brian Seekon

Marie Lawrence

Tim Sawatzky

Mark Ness

Firefighters Present

TJ Potrament

Scott Olson

Larry Granberg

Shawn Bengston

Others Present

Tanya Smolke

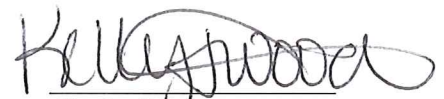
Kelly Wood



Mark Utecht, Stacy



Richard Keller, Lent



Clerk, Secretary

