

**Minutes**  
**Stacy Lent Area Fire Department**  
**30785 Forest Blvd, Stacy, MN 55079**  
**Joint Powers Meeting**  
**March 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

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

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance 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. Ness made a motion to concur with Lent. P. Authier seconded. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Joint Powers meeting. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**M. Ness made a motion to concur with Lent. Second by P. Authier. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Potrament reported on the following:

- Currently: 26 members
- The FD had a hiring fair
  - Obtained three new members
  - They are going through classes
  - They appear good
- One member retiring next month— Joey Meyer
- On 3-25-2020 there is a pinning ceremony at 6:00pm
  - Two members are past probation and promoting one

**RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT**

N. Peltier said his report sums up 2019 and last year was a good year. As of this year, he only has the January report which shows a \$77 loss. They were making \$12k a month. He is guessing they took a hit in February, but is hoping last year's helped. There was a \$43k payout for Gary Cagle. He will not have the February investment report until later into March. Hopefully it will bounce back.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget**

N. Peltier said they fit everything they needed into the budget last year and are going to continue to spend wisely. They do not feel they need to ask for a budget increase this year. He said they can fit it in and unless a big rig goes down, they should be okay. B. Seekon asked about turnout gear. N. Peltier said SCBAs are a different thing because they are a big-ticket item like a truck. It is done on a ten-year term. Packs are not the same thing. He said their grass rigs are pretty new.

Gambling has helped with a lot of items. T. Potrament said there is a Countywide grant for the radios. N. Peltier said it is \$17,800.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approve Chief and Assistant Chief**

N. Peltier said they voted T. Potrament as Chief and N. Peltier as Assistant Chief.

**B. Seekon made a motion to concur with T. Potrament being the Fire Chief and N. Peltier being Assistant Chief. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

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

T. Potrament said Kurt Williams is Chief 3 and he is doing a good job.

### **Air Pack Discussion and Planning for Purchasing Options**

N. Peltier said they have applied for a grant. R. Keller asked what happens if it is not approved. N. Peltier said as long as we have the grant in, we are okay. He said he checked into the lease programs and explained the options he found. They would like 25 packs and 50 bottles so that there is enough for the Chiefs too. It's roughly \$200k total. MSA has a leasing program. Below is the information he found on purchasing SCBA and equipment:

- There are 2,3- or 5-years options
  - They want the 5-year option
- Around a 3% interest (depends)
- He stated that there are no early payment penalties
- \$200k with \$50k per year payments
- The packs, masks, everything is good for 15 years
- Annual maintenance to test them
- Batteries are 15-year warranties
- No maintenance on them for 15 years
  - Besides the testing

T. Nelson asked if he has looked into other options. N. Peltier said no, but he has talked to other Chiefs and he is a firm believer in MSA. T. Nelson said make sure we are comparable with other options. N. Peltier said other departments have been going with low bid. MPLS went with low bid which was MSA. They would not have to re-train if they went with them. T. Nelson asked that even though we have a grant, what timeframe we should start the paperwork. N. Peltier sooner than later. We will have to get an air pack committee together to get the ball rolling even if we do not have to purchase for 18 months. They should hear about the grant in the fall. N. Peltier said they should start shopping now.

M. Ness said that Stacy budgeted \$20k for the packs. T. Nelson said the City will have to pay for 30% of them. N. Peltier said if they go into a fire with a bum pack, it's going to cost a lot more. B. Seekon asked if they are good right now and if they are going to work. N. Peltier said they check them weekly and they work well. N. Peltier said they can sell them to another department and they can be refurbished. M. Utecht said that if we have an application in and if OSHA shows up, we have some leniency because of it. He does not want to have sub-standard equipment for the Fire Department.



T. Potrament said air packs have NFPA standards and radios do not have NFPA standards. Their packs are just fine for now. It's only when they are expired. T. Nelson said if the grant comes up in October and the packs expire in December, that is not enough time. We will have 25 air packs that are outdated. T. Nelson said to get going with the order. T. Potrament said they will let people know if they do not qualify for the grant. N. Peltier said no news from the grant is good news. T. Potrament said the chance of getting the grant is low due to the gambling money. N. Peltier said that there is probably a window for a purchase date. M. Utecht said they understand municipalities do not want to pay for these if there is a grant out there. M. Utecht said we could have everything signed and ready to go if the grant does not go through. T. Nelson would like pricing and financing before the June meeting. He wants all of the answers so we know if we have to do something by the end of the year. L. Sinna said maybe we could do a down payment. N. Peltier said they just need a signature because they know they will get their money. The Joint Powers directed N. Peltier to move forward with the paperwork.

#### **Smoke Detector Maintenance**

M. Utecht said his mom asked if the SLFD replaces smoke detector batteries because the Shoreview FD does. N. Peltier said it is usually full-time Fire Departments that do it; not volunteer departments. C. Cagle asked about a Scout program doing it for a badge. M. Utecht said he is worried about liability. Further discussion went on about replacing smoke detector batteries.

#### **ADJOURN**

**B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried.**

**M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.**

**The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, June 1, 2020. Stacy will preside.**

#### **Board/Council Present:**

C. Cagle  
T. Nelson  
B. Seekon  
R. Keller  
L. Sinna  
M. Utecht  
M. Ness  
P. Authier  
D. Thieling  
T. Olivolo

#### **Fire Fighters Present:**

T. Potrament  
N. Peltier  
S. Olson  
L. Granberg  
K. Williams

#### **Others Present:**

K. Wood

  
Mark Utecht, Stacy Mayor

  
Rick Keller, Lent Chair

  
Kelly Wood, Joint Powers Secretary