

Approved Minutes
Stacy Lent Fire Department
Joint Powers
March 4, 2019 7:00 pm

LENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

B. Seekon called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

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

APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the December 3, 2018 minutes. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Potrament reported on the following:

- 30 members total
- 1 on leave
- 2 new
 - 1 is a 17-year vet of MPLS
 - 1 from Harris
 - Both available during the day
- 1 is on military leave - Joining the Navy

He passed out the letter from the lawyer. A letter was received from a lawyer on December 31, it was turned over to insurance and T. Potrament has not heard back. He gave them the names of witnesses and explained the situation that happened at the Bash.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT

T. Potrament said N. Peltier is out of town. He passed out a sheet that showed they are in the black and doing well.

OLD BUSINESS

New Grass Rig

T. Potrament said the rig is up and running. They are doing the work in-house and they have the flatbed on the truck. They ordered a new poly bed and it needs a hose reel. They are almost ready to sell Grass 7. M. Utecht said they need to figure out how much it is worth and advertise it to the public. M. Utecht said we will determine a value and if someone shows up with that amount, we will take it. B. Seekon said that sounded good to him. T. Nelson asked that T. Potrament let K. Wood know when it sold so we can pull the insurance off of it.

Operating Budget

T. Potrament passed out the new budget and noted that he moved funds around a little bit to even things out. B. Seekon said it looks like we are still covered. T. Potrament said they took a hit on maintenance.

Replace C-3 Truck

T. Potrament said that they have to take the light bar off the old one. It was the former Assistant Chief's old red truck that was replaced. The new one is a 2018 Tahoe. It has a lot of miles, but it is newer. Bought it from Lakes for \$8k. Has 200k miles but they had a good maintenance program.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Chief and Assistant Chief

T. Potrament said everything stayed the same as last year; they voted T. Potrament as Chief and N. Peltier as Assistant Chief.

B. Seekon made a motion to concur with the election results and approve TJ Potrament as Chief and Nick Peltier as Assistant Chief. Second by R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

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

Radio Programming Update

M. Utecht said Lisa Iverson, Mayor of Wyoming has organized a meeting for this Wednesday and the radios will be the biggest topic. She would like the Cities to agree as one body. She said the County is trying to negotiate and M. Utecht does not agree. The Mayors are going to get together and discuss whether or not they are in agreement. M. Utecht said the Chief should represent the Joint Powers.

M. Utecht said this is to negotiate with the County. He said he does not like the fact that he does not have adequate information on this topic. He said the cost seems way too high and he does not know if labor costs are included.

There was discussion on radio pricing and the radio operating system updates. B. Seekon asked how the Joint Powers would like to move forward. T. Potrament said the radios will need to be updated in 2025. T. Potrament said it is a work in progress. T. Potrament said when they decide you need new radios; you will have to get them. Right now, the County is trying to get us to sign a temporary, one-year contract.

B. Seekon said what we have is still functional. He suggested putting some money away, keep using what we have and purchasing new ones in the future. T. Potrament said the County wants you to believe it is a risk or a hazard. There was discussion on which brands make the radios. M. Utecht said both the City and Township should budget for future radios.

M. Utecht asked if anyone objected to him saying that we want the County to deal with this. It should be a County expense based on the value of your home. The Township agreed with Stacy. M. Ness added that it is not just for the Fire Department.

S. Olson said he does not know if they need the same radios as the Sheriff and asked if the Fire Department can have some input on which ones they get. M. Utecht said yes. They should talk to the County Commissioner. He suggested asking them the tough questions.

T. Potrament said the Fire Department buys their own equipment. The cost is the same no matter how many you buy. He said the system has certain parameters and there are specific guidelines. M. Utecht said he wants the County to buy the radios and dole them out. If we ruin them, we repair or replace it. He feels that it is the most equitable way to do it. T. Potrament said the Chiefs are trying to get an advisory board together. R. Keller said we have to stand strong and united. M. Utecht said it is a meeting with the County Board, every Board Chair and Mayor. There was discussion on what has been talked about at CCATO. B. Seekon said he is going to bring the discussion to the next CCATO.

M. Utecht would like to ask the Chief to be the conduit for the Township and the City. He feels they would come to the same conclusion as they did this evening.

The meeting is at 6:30 at the Wyoming City Hall on Wednesday.

M. Ness asked if they should make a motion to present to the County. M. Utecht would like a professional resolution crafted. He is clear on what they decided and that is what he will tell them at the meeting.

M. Utecht thanked the department in helping with traffic Friday night. It was an active shooter situation with heavy snowfall. He said it was nice to know that they were out there trying to keep traffic moving. T. Potrament said they had a roll over; a heart attack and they were also helping out Wyoming. T. Potrament said it was bad and they tried to do what they could.

ADJOURN

R. Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

BOARD/COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Mark Ness
Mark Utecht
Tony Olivolo
Chuck Lucia
Rick Keller
Troy Nelson
Carolyn Cagle
Brian Seekon
Lisa Sinna*

FIREFIGHTERS PRESENT:

*TJ Potrament
Scott Olson
Larry Granberg*

RICK KELLER
CHAIR, TOWNSHIP OF LENT

MARK UTECHT
MAYOR, CITY OF STACY

KELLY WOOD
JOINT POWERS SECRETARY

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