

**Stacy Lent Area Fire Department  
Joint Powers Meeting  
Minutes  
December 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

**1. STACY CALLS MEETING TO ORDER**

M. Utecht called the meeting to order 7:02 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**M. Ness made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by C. Lucia. All in favor, motion carried by Stacy.**

**R. Keller made a motion to concur with Stacy's motion. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried by Lent.**

**3. APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

**J. Ness made a motion to approve the September 11, 2017 meeting minutes. Second by T. Olivolo. All in favor, motion carried by Stacy.**

**R. Keller made a motion to concur with Stacy's motion. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

**4. CHIEF'S REPORT**

B. Schroeder reported on the following:

- 2 People retired and 4 left
  - Back down to 30
  - They will be interviewing 4 new recruits tomorrow
- Received 250 calls which is up from last year's 222, nine (9) structure fires, with 142 EMS medical calls
- Some of the structure fires were attributed to autos
  - The biggest vegetation fire was by 360<sup>th</sup>
  - M. Utecht confirmed that vegetation fires are considered grass fires
- Counts per quarter were down from the first of the year
- The budget has been doing well

## **5. RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT**

N. Peltier commented on the following:

- The fund had a 12.16% gain this year with investments
- The State likes to see 5% gain with investments
- They are at \$1,600.00 per service
- The special fund for investment has \$653,029.28 and the state aid special fund has \$24,598.36 for a total in the special fund of \$677,627.64
- The general fund has \$36,510.17 for a total of \$714,137.81
- They are asking for a pension increase this evening
- If the liability was \$1,900.00 for the year is 95%, but if they ask for \$300.00 per year service increase they would be 100% vested
- The state likes to see 95% vested but the goal is 100%
- The state would allow them to ask for \$2,600.00 but they are only asking for \$1,800/\$1,900
- There is a projected \$300 per year service to push it to \$1,900.00 per year service
- M. Utecht asked when the last increase was. The last increase was last year and went from \$1,500.00 to \$1,600.00
- They had some payouts but gained a lot of money this year and are continuing to gain money
- M. Utecht asked what if the earnings go below the mark. Then the municipalities are responsible for the shortfall. They have a five year plan to get it up to the 95%
- They have a \$45k coming in

**J. Ness made a motion to approve the \$1,900.00. T Olivolo second the motion.**

Discussion:

- M. Utecht is hesitant to go to the \$1,900.00 because of stock uncertainty. M. Ness agrees because he said he does not know where the stock market is going.
- The State looks at it as a liability.
- There is a \$70-80k cushion in the fund.

**Motion fails 4 to one. T. Olivolo yay vote.**

**J. Ness made a motion to move it to the \$1,800.00. M. Ness second the motion. Motion carried for Stacy with 4 yay votes and 1 nay vote. T. Olivolo nay vote.**

**B. Seekon made a motion to concur with Stacy. R. Keller second the motion. Motion passes for Lent 2 to 1. T. Nelson nay vote.**

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Joint Powers Bylaws**

B. Schroeder commented on some changes made to the Joint Powers Bylaws

- Meetings are on Monday's instead of Tuesday's
- 4 times per year instead of 3
- The bookkeeping does not have to be done by the Town Clerk
  - It can be done by any qualified individual
- The budget will have the percentage changed
- They want to know how the surplus money is being handled at year end instead of having the money go back to City and Township
  - J. Ness does not see advantage to change

### **b. Floor Scrubber**

B. Schroeder stated he has been looking for a new scrubber, but has not been successful in finding a 32" one for a decent price and is going to keep looking. Lent is still interested in one as well.

### **c. Insurance**

- They are still waiting for the quote from the insurance company
  - M. Utecht will follow up with Denise on this
- He asked Lent to check with S. Aker on the insurance check. He said last year it was around \$6,100

### **d. Old Rescue Truck**

- They received \$7k for the old truck which goes into the new equipment fund (not in the LG555) – This will be noted with S. Aker
  - The truck was purchased locally from a resident of Lindstrom
- The ball field lighting should go into the line item for that fund, R. Keller will note that with S. Aker
- They would like to buy a new grass rig and sell Grass Rig 7. They would like donation dollars to pay for the new one.
- J. Ness asked about mutual aid agreements. B. Schroeder stated he is working on it.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Operating Budget**

- The City needs to reimburse the Township for insurance

- M. Peltier still has a month of pay and the wage will be at \$4,500 by year end
- Wages will be at about \$6,100 at the end of December
- New Equipment stayed higher because they did not have to replace as much and he feels it can stay at this number for next year
  - The tanker had to have back springs and 1 axel replaced for \$7k
  - They did not need to replace many sets of tires
- B. Schroeder feels they can continue one more year on the current operating budget
- J. Ness commented on money being moved around to accommodate the rising radio transcriber fees
  - B. Schroeder said he will find \$3,570.00 from another line item and see where he can shift the money around

M. Ness thanked B. Schroeder for his many years of service as Chief. All agreed he has done a wonderful job.

**The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, March 5, 2018. Lent will preside**

**8. ADJOURN**

**M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.**

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Richard Keller, Lent Chairperson

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Mark Utecht, Stacy Mayor

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Kelly Wood, Joint Powers Secretary

**Board/Council Members Present:**

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

**Firefighters Present:**

Brad Schroeder  
Kerry Olson  
Nick Peltier  
Larry Granberg  
Scott Olson  
TJ Potrament

**Others Present:**

Becky Schule  
Kelly Wood