

Minutes
Stacy Lent Area Fire Department
Joint Powers Meeting
June 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm

STACY CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

M. Ness made a motion to approve the agenda. T. Olivolo seconds. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

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

APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

M. Ness made a motion to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes. T. Olivolo seconds. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

T. Nelson made a motion to concur with Stacy. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Potrament reported on the following:

- 28 members
- The budget is looking good
- Submitted for reimbursement for training through the State
- Sold 2 vehicles
 - 1989 for \$4k
 - 2001 for \$1500.00

T. Potrament asked where the money should go. M. Utecht said it should get split up between the two entities if it does not get used. It should get put in the treasury.

- Calls are up
- Last year 138
- A lot of calls during the day
- Runs 153

T. Nelson asked about the purchases on supplies and maintenance. He asked what was purchased. T. Potrament said they purchased some equipment for the grass rig. Some money has

been taken out of the LG555. L. Granberg said they did some pump testing, S. Olson added that some stuff froze up.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT

T. Potrament said N. Peltier was working and he does not have any Relief information. They took a little hit in the last month. They were still \$35k up for the year even after the last hit. They decided to get rid of the short-term. T. Nelson said that was a good call. M. Utecht said to email the information out.

OLD BUSINESS

New Grass Rig

T. Potrament said the new Grass Rig is coming along. They do not have the back unit on yet, but it is up and running. They have used it on a few calls and it is nice. He said our guys are working on it. G. Cagle has done a ton of electrical work on it. The slip in unit will be done prior to fall. M. Ness said he saw the boat and it looked nice. T. Potrament said L. Granberg took the boat out. L. Granberg said there are no leaks and it worked nice. It is 17' and there is a ladder mounted on it to climb back in.

Operating Budget

T. Nelson said they talked about discussing it in June so the City can talk about it prior to their budget. M. Utecht said he is still trying to save money on radios. M. Utecht said everyone wants this paid through the County. T. Nelson said Lent raised their Fire Department budget.

Radio Update

T. Potrament said there is something temporary in place so that they do not get shut off. M. Utecht said he feels there has been no progress made. C. Cagle said there is a meeting at 4:30 on Thursday at Wyoming City Hall. M. Utecht said he is going to attend that meeting. M. Utecht said they are going to discuss the concept of exactly what it is they are asking for. We want the County to pay for and administer them. He would like input from the Joint Powers. T. Nelson said he is not in favor with the County doing anything with this. He said that he feels they *shoved this down our throats*. M. Utecht said there are 2 commissioners out of 5 that said they want this County funded. Robinson and DuBose. R. Greene and G. McMahon are on the negotiating committee. M. Utecht said they want to say what the rates are going to be and we are not a part of that communication. It is going to increase taxes by less than \$9 per year.

M. Utecht said we need the radios working properly. L. Sinna confirmed that the current radios are still working. M. Ness said they said the County was trying to force us to get new radios and say that ours were not supported by the new updates. M. Utecht said the signal that is going to be used is going to change by federal mandate because it will not work on the system. They may quit working at any time and not be supported. M. Utecht said if he fails in this, if we have to have this user fee, we want some decision-making power. Everyone agreed. M. Utecht asked

what we are going to go with to the negotiating committee. They would like a new user agreement but with the control. M. Utecht said he needs to go in there strong. Only if that falls apart will he address the user agreement where they want us to write a check. There are enough people in the County that will not accept it. Wyoming and Stacy signed the interim agreement. It was important as a sign of good faith to get us through. M. Utecht said that he and the Wyoming mayor are going to attend the County Board meeting. He is going to try to speak and try to address the radios earlier in the meeting. They talked about it last time even though it was not on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief and Assistant Chief Cell Phones

M. Utecht said in Stacy, all their supervisors have a City owned cell phone. Nothing is deleted and if someone leaves all of the information is there. M. Utecht said their Attorney said it is good to have if there is ever a lawsuit. B. Seekon said the Township does not have phones. M. Utecht said it is a place where contacts are stored and the number can be published. T. Potrament said carrying around two phones would not be ideal. M. Utecht said it is a gray area with forwarding an email from your personal phone. It makes your personal phone discoverable. It is another added line on an account. \$20-30 per month and can go through the City account. M. Ness said there are lines that have priority. It is on a different network for emergency services. M. Utecht said we should not do this for everyone on the department. If someone is out of town, they can hand it to someone on the department so it is monitored. B. Seekon asked if they would like it and if it has ever been an issue. He asked the members present if a cell phone is an official means of communication. S. Olson said they still have the pagers. M. Utecht explained how the emergency phone network works. M. Ness said there is a benefit with maintenance contacting the SLFD. Department of homeland security and DNR are on this network. T. Nelson said it is a good idea. In emergency situations, people overload the system. These phones are on a different system. M. Utecht requested a quote from Tanner for 2 or 3 phones. He will give the number to K. Wood and she will email it out.

New ISO Rating

T. Potrament received the report; both Stacy and Lent's ISO went down a point. T. Nelson said nice job. T. Potrament said they worked hard on it. Stacy is 4 and Lent is 5. Business owners can get a cut on insurance. M. Utecht said it is not only business owners. T. Potrament said it is done every 5 years and is going to continue to see where they can improve. T. Potrament said response times, training, how long it takes to get the engine out of the station, etc. are contributing factors. Bloomington is the lowest in the State. T. Potrament said they have changed a lot on their record keeping on their training. They keep track of the driving record. M. Utecht asked if it would do any good to send *guys* to drivers training. T. Nelson said years ago, he took an emergency driving training and came back and taught it. M. Utecht instructs a class in Brainerd. They keep track of who is going on a call and it made a huge difference. T. Potrament said they are not satisfied with the ISO numbers and will continue to try to do better.

ADJOURN

M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm
B. Seekon concurred with M. Utecht

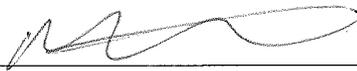
The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, September 9, 2019. Lent will preside.

Board/Council Members Present:

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

Firefighters Present:

TJ Potrament
Scott Olson
Larry Granberg



Mark Utecht, Stacy Mayor



Rick Keller, Lent Chair



Kelly Wood, JP Secretary

