

Minutes
Stacy Lent Area Fire Department
Joint Powers Meeting
September 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm

LENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. R. Keller Seconded. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

C. Lucia made a motion to concur with Lent. T. Olivolo seconded. M. Utecht added Fire Hall Rent to e. under New Business. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

APPROVE THE JUNE 4, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the June 4, 2018 Joint Powers Meeting Minutes. R. Keller seconded. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

C. Lucia made a motion to concur with Lent's motion. T. Olivolo. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief TJ Potrament commented on the following:

- There are 30 firefighters
- Lost 2 of the 4 new hires
- 1 on leave
- 4 rookies
- Starting a class tomorrow

- Runs: 199 vs 194 last year
- Started slowing down the past couple months

- Paid radio fees
- Paying \$575 next year
- Writing a grant next year
- No rejection letter yet

- N. Peltier said no news is good news
- Put a cancer group together to put together goals
- The building is non-smoking
- No turnout gear is allowed in the main room
- All gear is washed within 24 hours
- Hoses are not allowed in trucks to avoid contamination
 - In the past, they would put it wherever there was room
- Received a \$2k matching DNR grant
 - Going to put it towards the new grass rig
- M. Utecht asked if they are selling the old rig
 - T. Potrament said it may have to go back to the DNR
 - It is a F350
 - M. Utecht said he may have a buyer if they do not want it back
 - N. Peltier said they will probably buy a new one in the Spring
- The Bash is coming up next month

T. Nelson asked why training down \$1k. T. Potrament said they received \$4800 from the State. In the past it came back to the Township. He is not sure what to do with it. T. Nelson said keep pulling out of it for training. T. Potrament said technically they are not in the hole because there is \$7500 is from previous years. T. Nelson said to leave it there and pull out of it as needed. M. Utecht said as long as there is no statute, *let's do it*. N. Peltier said they are required to do some outside training. They encourage people to do outside training in places such as Rochester and Mankato. A bunch of people went this year. They signed up for different classes and then came back and taught everyone else.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT

N. Peltier handed out two reports: the general fund is \$28,902.85 and the Special fund is \$626,118.28.

- Running balance: strong start and they are up \$11k for the year
- Getting donation in December
- Getting State aid in November: \$24,500 (estimate)
- Percentagewise they are doing well and they will be asking for a slight increase for next year
- They would be looking at \$500/\$1000 if the market is neutral
- They had a bunch of payouts this year
- Liability went down a lot
- Funding went down equally

N. Peltier noted that he has had to do a lot of extra paperwork due to the fact that the date was not in the motion in the minutes for the last increase. The next increase must show a starting date of January 1, 2019.

M. Utecht suggested making a motion at the meeting this evening that it was intended for 1-1-2018.

N. Peltier noted that no one retired between 12-4-17 and 1-1-18.

J. Ness made a motion to clarify that they made a motion to raise the \$1600.00 to \$1800.00 which was to be effective January 1, 2018. M. Utecht seconded. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

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

OLD BUSINESS

New Grass Rig

T. Potrament said it is still on order and has not showed up yet.

Maintenance Budget

T. Nelson said the maintenance budget was \$20k.

Roof Addition

N. Peltier asked T. Olivolo if he could get him steel roof without vaulted trusses. T. Olivolo said he is going to get him a number. For this year they are going to use the tarp for the Bash, but it would be nice to have a roof of some sort. N. Peltier is going to stop by the dealership and talk to T. Olivolo. N. Peltier will have the numbers for the next Joint Powers meeting. The new one would bolt into the existing slab. C. Cagle said that T. Olivolo should fill out the paperwork she did so there is not a conflict of interest.

Operating Budget

T. Potrament said they are doing pretty well. He said it would not be a bad idea for the budget to go up. N. Peltier said they talked about it going up \$20k and next year the budget will be \$230k. M. Utecht said that is the number they used in their budget talks.

NEW BUSINESS

Turnout Gear

N. Peltier said there are people who need turnout gear. If there is money left they are going to spend it on turnout gear and are not turning money back this year.

Dive team Boat

T. Potrament said the County has a boat they want to donate, but it has some issues. R. Keller said there is a place in Wyoming that will fix it. T. Potrament said L. Granberg is good with repairs. They want to change protocols and now want to start earlier. There is a lot of data where you can be under an hour or more and survive. Every drowning is a cold water drowning. T. Potrament said a donated boat would be nice. T. Nelson said to make sure they send over the information for insurance.

Replace C-3 truck

The C-3 truck has a lot of issues and it does not seem like a good investment to keep fixing it. They have had it quite a few years. They are just giving Joint Powers a heads up. They are probably going to look for a used vehicle when the time comes. N. Peltier said an SUV would be better in his opinion.

Hail Damage

T. Nelson said the insurance company looked at the damage on the SLFD roof and will replace them. T. Nelson asked if they need to get bids. M. Utecht said this is not an expenditure. K. Wood will call P. Tiede. T. Nelson is going to handle it after Lent checks on the process with the Lawyer.

Fire Hall Rent

M. Utecht said they have a tough time having Stacy residents pay for a building they do not own. He feels that Stacy should pay rent. M. Utecht called R. Keller and ran it by him so he was not surprised. This would be 30 percent of the cost of the building on a 50 year building. It would be at a rate of \$7500 per year which would also make up what they have not paid the past ten years. T. Nelson asked what fund they are going to put it into. C. Cagle said to call it Fire Hall Maintenance. M. Utecht said the income is going to be rent. It has not been discussed as to if it is going to be a lump sum or not.

T. Nelson made a motion for the City of Stacy to pay \$7500 per year for rent for the Fire Hall starting January 1, 2019. R. Keller seconded. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

J. Ness made a motion to concur with Lent's motion. T. Olivolo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

J. Ness asked if they need a rental agreement. M. Utecht will ask their lawyer to draw up an agreement and submit it to Lent for review.

T. Nelson told T. Potrament to keep pushing the numbers up. T. Potrament said it is getting harder and harder. N. Peltier said the cancer program may be scaring people off too. N. Peltier said he is going to bring up cancer insurance at the next meeting. There was discussion regarding it and M. Utecht said it is something they can talk about.

C. Lucia asked if the recruits have to live in Stacy. N. Peltier said they have to live within 7 miles of the station. C. Lucia asked about Veterans. N. Peltier said they get Veterans preference. N. Peltier is going to bring up some details at the next Joint Powers meeting. C. Lucia asked if any women are members. N. Peltier said 3 and 1 just retired. A class is starting tomorrow and they are coming from all over. T. Nelson said they talked about replacing panels on the burn building. T. Potrament said they have not done that yet.

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. R. Keller seconded. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

**THE NEXT JOINT POWERS MEETING IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018
STACY WILL PRESIDE**


City & Township

Mark Utecht
Tony Olivolo
Chuck Lucia
Jim Ness
Troy Nelson
Rick Keller
Carolyn Cagle
Kelly Wood

Fire Department

TJ Potrament
Nick Peltier


Mark Utecht, Stacy Mayor


Rick Keller, Lent Chair


Kelly Wood, JP Secretary

