

Minutes

Stacy Lent Area Fire Department
Joint Powers Meeting
September 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm

LENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

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

a. Review and Approve Agenda

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

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

b. Approve the June 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

L. Johnson made a motion to approve the June 5, 2017 meeting minutes. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

J. Ness made a motion to concur with Lent's motion. Second by T. Olivolo. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

c. Chief's Report

B. Schroeder reported on the following:

- Run volumes
 - 193 runs total for the year
- Took a big hit with the subscriber fee going up
 - C. Lucia asked if the fees would continue to rise every year
 - B. Schroeder said it's possible
 - The radio transcriber fee will be in the red by \$3k
- Supplies and maintenance will take a hit due to a repair which should be done this week
- Disability insurance went up by \$1k
 - This year it is \$12k
 - He called to check into it and found that the State of MN has been underfunded and they are trying to catch up

- Hopefully it will stop going up in the next few years
- He receives the bill in November

C. Cagle said she talked to Scott Sellman who is the Director of Emergency Management at the Chisago County Sheriff's Office. He has a project coming up and he is going to talk to B. Schroeder. S. Sellman has been working to get the address signs up. He is short on funding. He is going to get B. Schroeder the numbers and they are going to request the use of the gambling money.

B. Schroeder announced that they hired another person and interviewed four more. They are waiting for their background checks to come back.

- It would put them at 34 and they can be at 35
- Some may retire at the end of the year
- They had good interviews and agility tests
- If four people are hired
 - Two of the four typically remain
- The two that were on leave should be back soon
 - 1 will be back next month and the other in November

B. Seekon asked if the floors are done. Yes, they are.

The countertops are in and they look great.

They are going to have some electrical work done to break up the circuits.

d. Relief Association Report

The credits are from the car show, dance, T-shirts, etc.

The investments have been doing well. Up almost \$45k long term. The short term investments have taken a few small hits.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Joint Powers Bylaws

Tabled

b. Old Rescue Truck

- B. Schroeder asked what the City or Township would value it at
 - T. Nelson said he does not think it is worth \$4k.
 - M. Utecht suggested \$4k.
 - B. Schroeder feels it is worth \$4 - \$5k
- B. Schroeder asked if anyone would be opposed to a member buying it
 - C. Cagle is not opposed to a member buying it
- Truck Details:
 - It would be sold as is
 - It is a Ford 460 gas truck

- It is mechanically sound
- The chassis was purchased from Anderson Koch
- They have not had many issues with it

The truck will be listed for \$6k or best offer and will be made available for public and member purchase. The best offer will be accepted.

The motion was made to sell the old rescue truck in previous minutes.

c. Insurance

B. Schroeder sent S. Payne the information and M. Utecht is going to follow up on it.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Tables and Chairs

B. Schroeder said the last batch of tables and chairs were purchased years ago and they are showing wear. L. Johnson asked the cost to purchase new. It is around \$5k.

C. Lucia asked how many times they are used. They are used quite often for events such as the garage sale, dance, funerals, car show, etc.

They are 6' heavy duty, plastic tables. B. Schroeder said he feels they will get 15 years of use out of them. Wants to get good tables and add 40 chairs.

He would only discard the bad tables. M. Utecht confirmed that they would not be getting rid of any good tables.

C. Lucia asked why they are not borrowing Lent's tables. L. Johnson said the Township does not rent tables out off site. B. Seekon added that it can be time consuming to rent tables and chairs.

B. Schroeder said they need seating for approximately 400 people. They would like 22 more tables and 40 chairs.

It is coming out of the dollars they donate/gambling funds. This does not need a motion, just consensus.

There is consensus from Lent Township and the City of Stacy for B. Schroeder to purchase new tables and chairs for the SLFD.

b. Floor Scrubber

B. Schroeder would like a floor scrubber to keep the building clean. Tennent has a pile of refurbished scrubbers. They have a lot of them right now because schools have been getting rid of them. B. Schroeder has the sales reps information and he went to their website and has looked at the T5's and they are pretty good. New scrubbers are \$8-12k.

L. Johnson asked if he could get a better deal if he purchased two because Lent needs one. B. Schroeder is going to look into it.

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c. Mutual Aid with Linwood Fire

This is an updated version of the current agreement with Linwood Fire. The statute and terminology has changed. J. Ness suggested sending one for Linwood to sign as well as other surrounding departments.

M. Utecht would like them to provide an electronic copy for the Stacy Lent Department to use. B. Schroeder is going to check into getting a copy of it from Linwood's Fire Chief.

B. Schroeder made the comment that the department would never refuse aiding out another department.

T. Nelson made a motion to accept the mutual aid between the Stacy Lent Fire Department and the Linwood Township Fire Department. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

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

d. Preliminary Budget

B. Schroeder said the budget is decent, but there will be a few thousand dollars coming out.

- He would like to see the budget for the transcriber fee go up
- He shuffled dollars around last year
 - M. Utecht asked if he can move dollars around this year again
 - B. Schroeder will have to check
- December is when they will do the final budgeting
- Stacy did not budget for an increase
 - They would be able to accommodate an increase
- The call volumes are growing
- They need to be proactive
- The numbers are going to stay up
- T. Nelson suggested a wage increase
- B. Schroeder said the subscriber fee line item needs to be increased
- M. Peltier's wage is now paid out of the SLFD budget
 - The City and Township used to pay it
 - She is paid per hour at the end of the year with a 1099
 - SLFD budget is now paying for copy paper and other office supplies

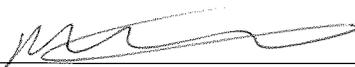
THE NEXT JOINT POWERS MEETING IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017. STACY WILL PRESIDE.

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Second by L. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.



Richard Keller, Lent Chairperson



Mark Utecht, Stacy Mayor



Kelly Wood, Joint Powers Secretary



Minutes submitted by Kelly Wood, Joint Powers Secretary