

Unapproved Minutes
Stacy Lent Area Fire Department
30785 Forest Blvd, Stacy, MN 55079
Joint Powers Meeting
September 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm

LENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. Seekon called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by C. Cagle. N. Peltier said he would like to add Out of Area Mutual Aid under New Business. The SLFD were invited to Oregon last Friday and they need to figure out a policy. T. Nelson added Pole Barn under F. of New Business. **All in favor, motion carried for Lent.**

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

APPROVE THE JUNE 1, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 Joint Powers meeting. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief T. Potrament reported on the following:

- 28 current members
 - Newest two members are done with school
- 215 calls 210 last year
- 226 hours 235.5 last year
- A company came in and did the host testing
- Our ISO will get the maximum rating
- They found a lot of hose that was taken out of service due to the age
 - They are going to keep what they can and were directed to get rid of what they cannot use in a proper manner and not hang on to it

RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT

N. Peltier presented his investment gain/loss reports which show the running balance and stated that January started at \$683k. There was a \$9k loss in July, but in August it was back up to \$707k. That puts them at \$15,222.92 just in special fund investments. They have not received state aid yet. He noted that the Joint Powers agreed to do the \$20k donation again. He said in March they took a \$86k hit and it came back in April. There is \$42k in the general fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

N. Peltier said the budget is looking good. It is down a little bit and he feels they can keep it the same next year. They have to take the \$64k for wages. Radio transcriber fees went down. C. Cagle asked how the Bash cancelation is going to affect the budget. N. Peltier said that it is Relief Association and does not affect the Joint Powers budget at all. He said relief is sitting at \$40k. He said when he started, there was \$8k in the account. M. Utecht said Stacy has budgeted based on the current budget.

Air Pack and Equipment Discussion

N. Peltier said they got the new air packs and are going to service them. Everyone has to be trained on them before they go on a truck. The bottles, which are carbon fiber on the old packs are not worth anything, but the packs and the masks can be used. Other departments can buy new bottles if we donate them to another department. M. Utecht said he is all for donating them to another department to give them a head start. N. Peltier said we have to drill a hole in the bottles. You can send them to another country that has different standards. N. Peltier said they will do the right thing. They will start local before going out. M. Utecht said the bottle is not worth the risk. N. Peltier said one of the members on the department is a MSA rep and he could probably let us know of a department who may need them.

COVID-19 Discussion

N. Peltier said that they have been doing everything correctly with PPE and are taking precautions. T. Potrament added that they are doing a lot with prevention.

Personnel Committee

N. Peltier said they have one and this is a work in progress. T. Nelson told them that they have to make sure the insurance is going to cover them.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Meeting Posting

M. Utecht said the City and Township posting requirements are different. Whichever one is longer that is what they should do. They are going with the 5 days posting which is what the Township does.

Joint Powers Hiring/Firing Employees

M. Utecht said that he spoke to N. Peltier and it is handled in the SOPs.

Fire Department Insurance

T. Nelson said after we had the discussion last month, our attorney drew up a contract for other departments to sign prior to them to be able to train. They are covered by their insurance. Work comp does not always cover everything. Our fire fighters are covered. These contracts make sure that everyone is covered. T. Potrament said region 7 is coming on the 26th and they are working on a policy so that they can do that. T. Potrament said they will have to sign the release when

they come in. Some of the departments have had some trouble getting them signed and some have not had any problems.

Bash Canceled – Still Having Gun Raffle

T. Potrament said the Bash has been canceled but they have to give away the guns. They may still have a small appreciation get together. If you sell a raffle ticket, you have to do it on the same time and date on the ticket. C. Cagle asked where you can buy the gun raffle tickets. She asked for the information so she can post it to Facebook. N. Peltier is going to send her the information to post to the Township Facebook page.

Out of Area Mutual Aid

N. Peltier said he was contacted last Friday and was asked if they would be able to go to Oregon with a structure rig to help put out the fires. He is looking for direction from the Joint Powers. MN and the Feds are the ones asking and they are looking for structural protection rigs only. They pay \$2800 per day for crews of 4. Food and lodging are covered and they stay for 28 days. T. Potrament said that we would have a contract with the State and DNR. If one of the trucks burns up down there then we are covered. If there is a mechanical issue, we would take care of it. Travel is not covered. Once you are there, you are covered.

There was discussion regarding whether or not the engine would be needed locally, but last year at this time there were not many structure fires and everything is green right now. The SLFD has three structure trucks and would trust that two of them would make it to Oregon safely. The engines were discussed.

M. Utecht asked about payment to the fire fighters. N. Peltier said you could piggy back off of what the DNR pays which is \$20-\$25 per hour per person. M. Utecht said he is comfortable with offering our help as long as the leadership determines that it is worth it. He does not want to lose a truck or a person. C. Cagle said it would be a good idea to get started on this now because these fires will continue to happen.

N. Peltier said when you go out there you cannot work more than 12 hours. The rig is making \$1600 per day pumping for 12 hours. We have to pay the gas out of that money. Joint Powers would make approximately \$1k per day. Numbers were discussed. M. Utecht said he is not the least bit concerned with how much the Fire Department makes on this. We do not want to lose personnel or a truck. N. Peltier said they have some motivated people who are ready to go.

B. Seekon made a motion to approve outside state aid to assist with firefighting in other states with compensating members \$25 per hour with them working a maximum of 12 hours per day, with a crew of four people and to send the appropriate engine. They discussed people flying to help out separately which would not be a Joint Powers issue. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

D. Thieling made a motion to concur with Lent. T. Olivolo seconds. All in favor, motion carried for Stacy.

Pole Barn

T. Nelson asked about the status of the pole barn. K. Williams said the water line is in and the foam is down. Mike is pouring and it will be done on Tuesday. They are putting gravel to *Larry's road*. The exterior and floor should be done by fall. The price of lumber is high, so they may have to wait on the interior for now. Steel versus lumber was discussed. N. Peltier said they will be able to spray foam the walls. They will not turn the heat on this year.


ADJOURN

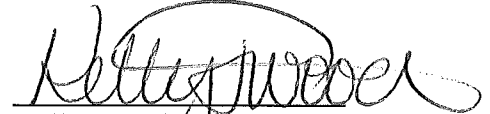
T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried for Lent.

M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, December 7, 2020. Stacy will preside.


Mark Utecht, City Mayor


Rick Keller, Township Chair


Kelly Wood, JP Secretary

Firefighters Present

TJ Potrament
Nick Peltier
Kurt Williams
Larry Granberg
Scott Olson

City & Town Present

Mark Utecht
Dennis Thieling
Tony Olivolo
Brian Seekon
Troy Nelson
Carolyn Cagle

