

Minutes of the Baroda Twp. Fire Board Meeting January 8, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Fire Board Member Larry Klug

Present: Larry Klug, David Wolf, Dennis Varo, Doug DeBest & Bob Getz

Minutes of the 10/9/19 meeting were distributed & accepted as amended by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. Chief Klug recommended the newly created Engineer & Equipment Specialist positions pay be revised. Chief Klug recommended that they be paid an identical rate & the rate should be \$25.00/month. After some discussion to was moved by Getz & seconded by Varo to adjust the Engineer & Equipment Specialist positions pay to \$25.00/month. Approved by unanimous vote.
2. Chief Klug recommended the Captain pay rate be adjusted from \$700.00/year to \$720.00/year. This change allows the pay to be \$60.00/month & simplifies the accounting. After some discussion to was moved by De Best & seconded by Wolf to adjust the pay to \$60.00/month Approved by unanimous vote.
3. Doug DeBest recommended that the secretary position has been renamed the records officer with no change in pay or job duties. Motion by Wolf & seconded by Varo to re-name the position. Approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

1. Chief Elect. Doug DeBest reported
 - a. The land line at the Fire Station is seldom used for calls & because faxes have been replaced by emails. Doug recommended that the land line be eliminated to reduce Dept. operating costs. The Board agreed with the recommendation & David Wolf volunteered to tell the Twp. clerk to have the line eliminated.
 - b. The fire pre-plan program is continuing. We now have 33 plans done & estimates another 90 remain to be done.
 - c. We received an email from Lake Twp. Water Dept. about reporting water use through hydrants & requested we add hydrant usage to the Dept's training schedule. Also, Lake Twp. water might or might not invoice the Dept for a recent hydrant use.
 - d. Our Hazmat reimbursement ordinance needs to be re-written & updated. He hopes to complete that task in 2020.
 - e. 2019 total calls for service was 65 & by comparison the 2018 total calls for service was 67.
 - f. A portion of the new truck \$10,000 contingency amount has been spent. Currently the balance is \$5142.00 & the Dept would like to add a \$9000.00 +/- battery powered extraction tool to the truck. If we could fund raise about \$4000.00 in the next 5 months the tool could be purchased.
 - g. Truck 222 can now be sold & recommended we begin marketing it for sale. Doug's research indicated that the value is most likely around \$3500.00, based on the used truck Dowagiac recently sold for \$3500.00. After some discussion motion by Varo & seconded by Wolf to recommend the truck sale, by the Fire Dept,
 - h. We are about \$1000.00 to the good with our budget year to date & he recommends more (descriptive) budget line items next year.
 - i. In 2019 we added 4 new auxiliary members, 2 fire fighters & 1 probationary fire fighter
 - j. We order a plaque to present to Larry Reifschneider for his years of service at the 1/25/2020 fireman's dinner. Recommendation approved.

Motion by Wolf, second by Getz to adjourn. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting is April 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM