

Watervliet Fire Board
Meeting Minutes June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by Chair, **Patricia Bambrick** who led us in the **pledge of allegiance**.

Board Members Present; Bambrick, Fizzel, Brinker, Stepich and Marvin

A **motion** was made by **Brinker** and supported by **Marvin** to approve the **minutes from the May 16, 2017 meeting** as presented. All in favor, **motion carried**.

Brinker presented the **treasurer's report/payables for May 2017**. After some discussion on the appropriate line item for vehicle repairs, a **motion** was made by **Stepich** and supported by **Fizzel** to **approve the treasurer's report and payables in the amount of \$22,796.85**. All in favor, **motion carried**.

No officer reports presented.

Emergency Response Report for January 2017 – May 2017 provided by **Dave Beukelman**.

Chief Jones asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of **Harold Walker**, who recently passed and Comstock Fire Chief **Edward Switalski**, who was killed Wednesday, June 14, 2017 while working an accident on I-94. **A moment of silence was observed.**

Chief Jones June 2017 report on file.

In addition to the written report, **Chief Jones gave a verbal report on the following:**

- **Rick Ertman** and **Quinton Childs** both successfully graduated from the academy, as a result will be moved from Cadet status to Probationary Firefighter status. **Congratulations to Rick and Quinton!**
- **Cody Nearpass**, a recent high school graduate will be made an **Honorary Member** of the Fire Department.
- **Chief Jones** reported that Covert Fire Dept. recently replaced their **lighted sign** and have generously donated their used sign to WFD. The sign will be revised with WFD information. The sign has a \$3,500.00 - \$4,500.00 value.

- **#2170** is scheduled to go to Spencer Mfg. for a pre-purchase inspection. The Covert Fire Board is interested in purchasing it.
- **Chief Jones has applied for a \$3,500.00 DNR grant** to purchase fire hoses. If awarded, **WFD would be responsible for a 50% match of funds.**
- **Brews In The Park** was successful and there has been much positive feedback.
- **New fire truck specs and financing options** were presented. After much discussion a roll call vote was taken to approve Chief Jones to move forward to secure the financing option offered by **Chemical Bank.** (written offer attached to the Chief's report) **Roll Call Vote as follows; Bambrick – Yes, Brinker – Yes, Marvin – Yes, Fizzel – Yes, Stepich – Yes. Motion Carried.**
- There was some discussion regarding **water rescue response responsibility** and the ability for the **inflatable** to get through parts of the river **between Watervliet and Coloma.** Though the river has ongoing clean up, there are parts of the river that are not presently navigable by the inflatable. Much discussion ensued regarding what can and cannot be removed from the river and its banks. **Chief Jones stated that members of the department would do an assessment of the river in the near future.**
- **Chief Jones** stated that **Mr. Behr** had met with him and **paid \$50.00** towards his outstanding bill and **agreed to pay \$100.00 monthly until paid in full. Initial bill was \$1053.83.**

New Business:

Pat Bambrick discussed the fire board member terms. **Stepich's term expires 6.30.19 and Bambrick's expires 6.30.17.** With her term expiring at the end of this month, **Pat** has opted to not seek re-appointment for the seat. Pat has been on the fire board for about 6 ½ years. She stated that she has enjoyed being involved and getting to know the department. She said that it has been an honor to serve. **Chief Jones and Lt. Whitney** thanked Pat for her time and commitment to the department. Watervliet Township Supervisor, **Dan Hutchins** will be appointed to the Fire Board beginning June 30, 2017. This leaves the position of Chair vacant. **Vice Chair Fizzel will be Acting Chair until a new Chair is elected.** Brinker stated that the terms for Brinker and Marvin (City appointees) would follow suit. Fizzell's term expiration would be determined based on his appointment date which was still unclear at the time. This is all being defined to ensure compliance with PA 33. **Pat handed over the information she has regarding the delinquent receivable accounts to Fizzell. He will**

follow up with the attorney as we move forward in an effort to effectively collect on the delinquencies.

Old Business:

Stepich gave an update on the dry hydrants. There has been some interest and discussion is ongoing to move forward with the first one. Updates will follow.

We will have discussion in the near future concerning needed **parking lot** repairs.

Misc Updates:

Marvin stated that she would email **meeting minutes** to the **Chief and board members** the morning after the monthly meetings. **She asked that everyone take a few minutes to review them and respond with any questions or concerns.** She will then post the minutes on Tex-Com within 48 hours following the meeting.

Stepich made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.** Motion was **seconded by Marvin.** All in favor. **Meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Marvin