

**Watervliet Joint Fire Board**  
**Meeting Minutes April 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Fizzell who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

All board members were present for the meeting.

Joe Stepich made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting. Motion was supported by Dave Brinker, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Brinker gave a verbal treasurer's report and payables in the amount of \$41,832.07. It was discussed and decided to hold off on a vote pending further discussion.

Chief Jones' report is on file.

Lt. Whitney's report is on file.

**Old Business** – New truck will be ready for inspection and the early May delivery has been set back a couple weeks.

Chief gave a brief update as to Jason Brooks and his activities as the EMS Coordinator

Chief Jones stated that payment has still not been received for the fire truck that was sold.

Discussion was had in regard to changes needed in the WJFD agreement. Changes will be made and agreement will be presented to board for approval prior to going before City and Township boards for approval.

We are still waiting for a decision on the FEMA grant.

**New Business** – Dan Jones asked the board to approve him hiring Barb Waite as a firefighter. She will go through Firefighter 1 & 2. A motion was made by Jones to hire Barb. Motion was supported by Dan Hutchins, all in favor, motion carried.

The boat was used excessively while looking for the kayaker. The boat props will need to be replaced.

Dan Hutchins stated that he would like to go with Quality Asphalt for the parking lot repairs. A motion was made by Dan to go with Quality Asphalt's bid not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion was supported by Dave Brinker. All in favor, motion carried.

Joe Stepich presented information and pricing for the fire dept. to go with a bookkeeping and payroll company. Stepich made the motion and it was supported by Fizzell. All in favor, motion carried. The new system will begin in May.

Further discussion was had regarding what the Treasurer's pay would be moving forward now that part of the responsibilities are being outsourced. Dan Hutchins made the motion, Beginning with June, the Treasurer's pay will be \$100.00/month plus the normal meeting stipend. Stepich supported the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Dan Hutchins brought up that Al and Colleen Bodfish had expressed interest in cleaning and painting the fire dept. Joe Stepich made the motion to accept the bid. Marvin supported the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2018.**

Marvin made the motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, Stepich supported the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Marvin

Secretary