

GALESBURG CHARLESTON JOINT FIRE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE JUNE 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Chris Balkema

Attendance: Josh Balkema, Chris Balkema, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Roger Frazee, Josh Balkema and Chief Roomsburg via phone, and a guest representative from a group of county paramedics.

Public Comment: no public in attendance.

Proposed to go into closed session to discuss Ambulance Service situation in our community to accommodate our guest speaker. 1st by Chris, second by Roger and 4 ayes to go into closed session. Very interactive dialogue, will continue research and discussion at future meetings. Vote to come out of closed session, 1st Ann, 2nd Josh, with 4 ayes.

Approval of last meeting minutes for May 27, 2023. Moved by Chris, second by Josh, 4 Ayes and 0 Nyes motion passes.

Chief's Report : Need two new tires for the Polaris Ranger. Cost will be \$1200 for the tires. and new steering alignment. Approval to purchase 1st by Ann, 2nd by Josh, expenditure approved with 4 ayes.

Run Report Stats: 16 runs for Charleston Township, 13 runs for City of Galesburg and 1 municipal aid call. For a monthly total of 30 runs for May 2023. Motion to accept Run report by Chris, 2nd by Roger and 4 ayes, Rreport is accepted.

Chief has some older small SCBA equipment items and requested permission to donate to a needy small fire department. Our fire department has benefited from that type of generous donations from other local units. Board approved request. 1st by Ann, 2nd by Roger, motion passed.

Monthly Saturday breakfasts are on hold until fall. Harding's has been notified of this decision and look forward to supporting this in the fall.

Motion to accept the Chief's report: 1st by Chris, 2nd by Roger, 4 ayes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Beginning Balance :\$189,591.09; Ending Balance \$215,116.04.
Deposit: \$29,437.50 from Galesburg, Chris will verify \$ and purpose with Mayor Marble. Bills totaled: \$10,685.11.

Old Business: still need an alternate board member from Galesburg.

Grant Update: Board Chair is continuing to work on grant and both municipalities will qualify for \$10,000. Each municipality will need to write a letter of agreement.

Firefighter Attraction and Retention Update: no additional applications. Looking into replacing the advertisement banner to recruit firefighter in front of Galesburg City Hall. Will review the condition of other banners and report at next meeting.

Building Update: Overhead door still needs to be fixed.

Galesburg City Counsel Briefing Update: Still looking for another Galesburg citizen to serve as an alternate Fire board member.

Greater Galesburg Days : good attendance. . Really appreciate all the volunteers and the public for turning out for the event!!

Legal Update: FOIA policy is now posted on our website.

Public Comment- 3 minutes per person. no one in attendance

New Business: need to fill out maintenance spread sheet at our July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. Motion to adjourn by Ann and 2nd by Josh, All ayes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Nieuwenhuis, Secretary of the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board.