

APPROVED Galesburg-Charleston Joint Fire Board Meeting for 11/15/2023.

Attendance: Board members: Roger Frazee, Josh Balkema, Ann Nieuwenhuis, new Galesburg alternate Carol Wortinger, Fire Chief Kevin Roomsberg, Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Turner plus our Attorney Kevin Travis and Amanda Amster our Book Keeper. No public present.

Approval of 10/18/2023 minutes, motion made by Josh with a second by Roger. All in favor. Motion was approved by the Board.

Run Report is as follows: a total of 32 runs for the month of October: 12 for Charleston, 16 for Galesburg plus 4 mutual aid runs. Motion to approve the run report by Ann Nieuwenhuis and seconded by Roger Frazee, all in favor, no nyes motion carried.

Treasurer report was presented, please see Treasurer report. Request to pay bills was made by Ann Nieuwenhuis and seconded by Carol Wortinger: all ayes, motion passed, treasurer report accepted.

Discussion occurred regarding quarterly municipal payments to the Joint Fireboard. Ann Nieuwenhuis made a motion to have the Fire Chief submit quarterly invoices to both municipalities in January, April, July and October of each year. The invoice should be sent at least 30 days in advance of expected payment. Carol Wortinger seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Chief's report: Fire Academy starts in January 2024. We will have two probationary fire fighters attending: Seth and Kristen. (need their last names). Looking at a different network for our emergency reporting. A proposal will be made at our next meeting. Assistant Chief will be presenting at the December meeting in place of the Chief. Grant Update: paperwork is completed just waiting for quotes and then the order can be placed!!

Request to Charleston Township to reappoint Josh Balkema to the Fire Board was made.

Equipment update 6 x 6 UTV is still waiting for steering component parts.

Building update damaged OHD is still working with a temporary fix.

Legal Update: Welcome back to Attorney Kevin Travis. The Fireboard appreciates his knowledge and expertise.

JFB Update: Motion made by Ann Nieuwenhuis to have Kevin Travis contact both municipal attorneys for a sit-down review of the current draft contract. Carol Wortinger seconded the request and all the votes were ayes. Hopefully this contract can be approved before 2024.

Meeting to adjourn all in favor ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.