

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board Meeting for 1/17/2024

Attendance: Chris Balkema, Josh Balkema, Roger Frazee, Chief Kevin Roomsberg, and Ann Nieuwenhuis.

Motion to approve the DRAFT December meeting minutes made by \_\_\_\_\_, Second by \_\_\_\_\_, all in favor motion passes.

Run report made by Chief: 37 calls for the month of December 2023. 17 calls for Charleston and 19 for Galesburg and 1 mutual aid call which was a building fire. 2023 calls totaled 487. 2022 had 470 calls. 2023 had 17 more calls than 2022.

Treasurer Report was presented and approved. Please review to treasurer documents.

Chief's Report: Gear dryer is in and working very well. Cleans gear much quicker and better. State will require new software 2/21 for medical report data. 2024 budget can provide adequate funds for this purchase. Grant status: progress report and paperwork accepted. Ordering 4 new sets of gear. Truck 1041 and 1061 need repairs. Complete review and repairs. 1071 is not running. Repair kits have been ordered for all the valves and will fix once parts arrive.

2 staff issues were discussed and Board approved Chief's recommendation. Seth Padgett is in fire academy and doing well.

Chief opened FEMA GRANT. He will review the requirements and bring a recommendation to the Board at the February Board meeting.

We discussed the specific wording for actual cost recovery. All 3 attorneys will agree upon "wording" and bring back for both municipalities to agree and then present to the Fireboard for acceptance at next board meeting.

Motion to approve Chief's report by Carol Wortinger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Balkema, passed with all ayes.

Chief indicated we are still waiting for the approved grant dispersement. Josh will double check deposits.

Budget discussion for 2024 began and the final budget is required to go to both municipality boards by 1/2/24. Budget negotiations went well. Motion to accept 2024 budget made by Chris Balkema, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann and 5 ayes in favor. Motion passes.

Building Update: 2 new furnaces have been replace by the City of Galesburg.

New board positions were nominated:

Chair: Chris Balkema, Vice-Chair: Roger Frazee, Secretary: Ann Nieuwenhuis, and Treasurer: Chris Balkema. Chris Balkema made the motion, second by Roger and passed with all Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Chris Balkema and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Balkema.