

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES: Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board Meeting Minutes for 1/17/2024 which was postponed due to inclement weather and held on 1/30/24.

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

Motion to approve the DRAFT December meeting minutes made by Roger and second by Chris. All in favor, motion passes.

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

Treasure report was presented and approved. Please review 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 additional expense.

Grant status: progress report and paperwork accepted. Ordering 4 new sets of gear.

Truck 1041 and 1061 are in need of repairs. Need to complete a review of repairs for 1017 as it is not running. Repair kits have been ordered for all the valves and will fix once the parts arrive.

Two staff issues were presented and the Board approved the Chief's recommendations. Seth Padgett is in the fire academy and doing very well!

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

Motion to approve the Chief's report by Carol Wortinger and a 2nd by Josh Balkema, all ayes in favor motion passes.

Chief indicate we are still waiting for the approved grant distribution. Josh will double check the deposits.

The Board discussed the specific wording for actual cost recovery. All three attorneys will agree upon the "wording" and bring back for both municipalities to agree and then present to the Fireboard for acceptance at a Board meeting.

Motion to accept the Chief's report by Carol Wortinger and 2nd by Josh Balkema; passed with all ayes.

Budget discussion for 2024 began and the final budget will go to both municipality boards by 2-1-24. Budget negotiations went well. Motion to accept 2024 budget made by Chris Balkema, with a 2nd by Ann. With 5 ayes in favor and 0 nay; motion passes.

New Board members were Nominated: Chair: Chris Balkema, Vice Chair: Roger Frazee, Treasurer: Josh Balkema and Secretary: Ann Nieuwenhuis. Motion made by Chris Balkema and second by Josh Balkema Board was voted in with all Ayes!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Motion made to adjourn by Chris Balkema and 2nd by Josh Balkema.