

DRAFT meeting minutes for Galesburg-Charleston Joint Fire Board Meeting for 2/21/2024

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Roger Frazee, Vice Chair. In attendance Roger Frazee, Carol Wortinger Board member, Ann Nieuwenhuis Secretary, Bruce Turner Assistant Chief, Josh Balkema Treasurer and Mayor Linda Marble.

Approval of 1/1724 draft minutes by Ann Nieuwenhuis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Wortinger. All in favor, motion passes.

Run Report by the Chief. 79 runs for 2024 and 82 last year plus 2 mutual aid. Galesburg was 24 , Township was 25, with 2 mutual aid for this month. Move to accept the Run Report, 1<sup>st</sup> by Josh Balkema, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Frazee, all in favor, motion passes.

Treasurer's report: reviewed Balance of 1/16/24 was \$159,905.53, ending balance as of 2/20/24 of \$154,164.46. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Ann Nieuwenhuis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Frazee. All in favor motion passes.

Chief's report: \$75.00 Dollar check from Vicksburg for participating in their Christmas Parade. Water rescue Sunday in the River. Driver was still in the truck in the water. Firefighters did a great job working as a team to successfully rescue the driver. The boat was launched from the city ramp and the driver was taken to the shore and then transferred into the ambulance. Our firefighters stood by to provide any additional assistance to the dive team and McDonald's towing. Great team work!

Chief prepared the Annual Report. Will be posted on our webpage!

March 8<sup>th</sup> next FEMA grant due. Chief has several ideas for the grant. Will discuss in greater length at the next meeting. Motion to approve the Chief's Report by Roger Frazee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Balkema, motion carries.

Equipment update: Many of the vehicle tires need to be replaced due to age of tires. 10 years is the limit and all rubber on all 3 trucks need to be replaced. Motion to purchase will be dealt with at the March Fireboard meeting.

After a brief exchange regarding funding and deposited funds. The Board set a special meeting to discuss funding from the two municipalities for March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 prior to the March Fire Board meeting but the meeting was cancelled since Charleston Township staff will not be able to attend due to a prior 2024 Board of Appeals meeting commitment. The Board will readdress this issue at the next board meeting. According to the Future Large Purchases estimate the FireBoard is looking at over an investment of \$700,00 in the next Five Years for Fire Trucks .

Damaged Door is STILL NOT REPAIRED but Operational!!

No member comment.

Motion to adjourn by Roger Frazee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Nieuwenhuis, all ayes meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.