

APPROVED Minutes for the Galesburg-Charleston Joint Fire Board Meeting for August 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Chris Balkema. Attendance: Chris Balkema, Roger Frazee, Carol Wortinger, Ann Nieuwenhuis and the Fire Chief. Josh Balkema was absent . No public in attendance so no public comment.

Motion to approve the Draft minutes was made by Roger Frazee with a 2nd by Carol Wortinger; all ayes motion passes.

Run Report: Charleston 15, Galesburg 14, Mutual Aid 5; total was 34 for the month of August 2024.

Treasurer's report and to pay bills was presented along with information that the accountant is working with the auditor to journal financial data correctly due to FEMA grant expenditure. Charleston's payment was too much; treasurer will correct for the appropriate amount of money. Chris Balkema moved to approve Treasurer with a second by Roger Frazee; all in favor motion passed.

Chief's Report:

315 since the beginning of the year; just a bit behind by 10 for 2023. 1021 in need of a repair for the head gasket.

Chief has aligned calls with the Laurel Facility to only run for Echo #1 calls. These are the calls identified as most serious.

Several applications: one not in geographic area; other application closer to Comstock.

Need to order more gear as we are phasing out gear that contain chemicals that were present in the moisture barrier and can cause health concerns for the fire fighters. Chief will look into gear without health concerns in materials used. Chris moves to accept Chief's report, second by Roger, with all in favor. Motion passed.

Chris Balkema said the website is in the process of an update. He also offered information regarding the purchase of a new fire truck. We agreed to a long-term capital purchase for a new fire truck and discussed selling the ladder truck and replace 1041 and keep 1021. Replace the brush truck with combined medical/brush truck for better service. Chris Balkema made the motion to approve this plan, with 2nd from Roger Frazee; all in favor motion passed.

Request made to Chief to spec and quote for potential purchases. We can discuss this information at the September meeting. Chris Balkema made this a motion with Roger Frazee making a second, all in favor motion passes.

Discussion continued regarding siren equipment: Charleston to keep their sirens in place and operable; Galesburg still needs to decide on their next steps; fix or take down. Roger will bring this up at the next Galesburg City Council meeting.

Ann Nieuwenhuis presented the Performance Evaluation to be used with in the Fire Department. Board members reviewed the performance evaluation; board agreed to accept. Carol Wortinger made the motion to approve and Chris Balkema made a second. All ayes in favor and the motion passed.

No Public in attendance so no public comment. Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm by Chris Balkema, second by Roger Frazee. All in favor motion passed.