

Draft Minutes for the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board meeting for October 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by President Chris Balkema. Board members in attendance were Chris Balkema President, Josh Balkema Treasurer, Carol Wortinger Trustee, Roger Frazee Trustee and Ann Nieuwenhuis Secretary plus Chief Kevin Roomsberg. No public members in attendance.

Draft minutes required a bit more information regarding the plastic body of a potential new fire truck and questions how it might survive in an accident. Josh Balkema made a motion to approve Draft minutes with the one correction, seconded by Roger Frazee. All in favor draft minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report: See details on the website. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Chris Balkema and a second by Carol Wortinger, Trustee. Motion passed with all in support.

Old Business: None.

Grant Update: Our grant made the list to be given a grant but the Grant money was depleted before they came to our name on the grant list. Encouraged us to apply again.

Chief's Run Report: 19 runs in Charleston and 18 in Galesburg plus 3 mutual aid calls for a monthly total of 40 runs. Several structure fires where 3 residents needed to be rescued. Motion to approve by Chris Balkema and a second by Roger Frazee, motion approved by all and passed.

Mechanical issues:

1. Gasket still leaking even after head gasket was replaced. Will have Craig McDonald mechanic assess next steps.

2 10-41 has a broken air line snapped off by frame.

3. Bought a new Tool Box for medical supply storage for \$400. Tool box will be side the runs were for structure fires: mounted onto the rig.

4. Fire Truck Representative to meet with the Chief to draft a quote for a new fire truck. Suggesting the cab accommodate four fire fighters and their gear. Discussed needing a custom design cab so Fire Truck can navigate some roads and many driveways in Charleston Township.

Contract: A new Life KVIAA Ambulance contract was signed by Charleston Township and waiting for Galesburg to sign.

Discussed the issue of City residents concern regarding tree debris smoke at City dump. Several ideas were suggested and Chief will share with DPW director.

Motion made by to approve the Chiefs report made by Roger Frazee with a second by Chris Balkema. All in favor of motion to approve the minutes, motion passed.

Budget: no new issues

Attraction: no new candidates

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm by Roger and a second by Carol. Motion passed.