

## APPROVED Minutes for March 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chris Balkema, President and a second by Roger Frazee, Vice Chair at 7:05 pm. All in favor, motion passed. No public in attendance.

Motion to approve the DRAFT Minutes for the last meeting on 2/19/2025. Motion to approve by Carol Wortinger and a second by Josh Balkema; all in favor and motion passes.

Run Report: 10 in Charleston, 11 in Galesburg and 2 mutual aid runs. 23 calls for the month. One return call for 3 times in a row. Motion to approve by Josh Balkema and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Frazee. All in favor motion passed.

Treasurer report: Starting balance \$149,854.80. Refer to treasurer's report on website for more details. Discussion regarding Maturity of annuity this summer in July 2025. Will look at renewing at July meeting. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Chris Balkema and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Frazee, all in favor, motion passes.

Chief's Report: 105 calls so far this year. At this time last year we had 126 calls. Fire Academy is going very well. Sirens were tested across the state today. Almost all the sirens for Galesburg and Charleston worked. Only Coldbrook and Galesburg School sirens did not work. Putting in new batteries.

Overhead door came to fix the POPPING Fuses. Fire department will pay for the repair.

Fought one house fire, fire started in the family room. Very narrow aisle ways difficult to extinguish the flames. Captured the cats as well. And had a grass fire on another call due to downed power line. All successfully extinguished. Dispatched to PI accident on I-94. Ten calls for Charleston and 11 calls Galesburg with 2 mutual aid, Motion to approve by Chris Balkema, President and a second by Vice Chair Roger Frazee. All in favor, motion passes.

Chief reported Fire Academy and new fire fighter are doing well. Chief has another meeting on new truck specs. Government is rolling back emission standards will should positively impact the new truck.

Attorney: Ann will call Kevin Travis our past attorney for recommendations for an on-call attorney.

Discussed hours and salary for Kevin since he retired and is working more hours for the fire department. Will discuss more at April's Board meeting

Member time: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. Motion made by Ann Nieuwenhuis with a second by Roger Frazee, all in favor motion carried.