

Draft – Minutes for the Galesburg Charleston Fire Board Meeting April 15, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Roomsburg, Chris Balkema, Josh Balkema, Roger Frazee and Carol Wortinger. No Public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2026. Motion to approve as written by R Frazee, seconded by C Wortinger. All in favor, motion carried.

Run Report: Charleston - 27
 Galesburg - 25
 Mutual Aid - 3

Currently 166 calls compared to 132 last year.

Motion to approve Run Report by C Balkema and seconded by R Frazee. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Current balance in all accounts of \$146,100.36. Motion to accept report and pay bills for checks #7403 to #7415 by C Balkema and seconded by R Frazee. All in favor, motion carried.

J Balkema reported that the CD remains as is until funds are needed for the payment for the chassis.

Chief Roomsburg reported that we received a credit payment of \$2703.00 from Michigan Municipal League after they completed our annual payroll audit.

Chiefs Report:

All the tornado sirens are operating as they should and were used during the recent tornado warnings. Chief Roomsburg had a phone conference with VFIS (Insurance) to review our policy. A couple of minor changes were made to ensure best coverage.

Annual ladder testing will be completed on Monday, April 20th.

Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority's plan to transition to the 800 MHz system. Chief Roomsburg met with our vendor (Roe Communications) to discuss new radios to prepare for this transition. Motorola is offering an extra 40% off the state contract price and a 7-year warranty plan at no cost. This offer expires on July 1st. We received a quote of \$152,497.92. Our estimated cost after reimbursement from KCCDA will be approximately \$39,000.00. Chief Roomsburg will be meeting with the KCCDA manager to finalize the numbers and report back next month.

1021 was sent in for maintenance. While they were working on it, they found it needed rear brakes and had broken leaf springs. Repairs are being completed.

There was some minor damage done to the building due to a mechanical malfunction with the ladder truck. Chief Roomsburg has talked to VFIS and is working on getting it repaired.

We hired 1 new Firefighter, Lane Patterson. Firefighter Seth Padget resigned because he is moving out of the area.

Motion to approve the Chief's report made by C Balkema and a second by R Frazee. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Grant update: Nothing new to report on current grant.

The department has applied for a grant through Senator Slotkin's office for replacement of the tanker. Her office has contacted us and advised that it will be sent to committee.

Website Update: Nothing to report.

Budget Update: C Balkema will be making changes to the final budget number to reflect the discrepancy found by the city.

Building update: Damage reported in Chief's Report.

Legal update: Nothing to report

Equipment Update: New truck is still on schedule for October completion.

New business: Discussion on a replacement for Ann Nieuwenhuis's open position. At this point the township has not been able to find a replacement. Her term expires in June. For the time being they will operate with 4 members until the end of her term.

Chief Roomsburg reported that Gobles FD had a used compressor to supplement our SCBA cascade system that they would be willing to sell to us for \$1500.00. Firefighter Carr contacted the technician that has serviced this unit since it was new. He was advised that it was in very good shape and worth \$5000.00. He advised that it had at least 5 years of life left and at that point with some minor maintenance would be good for another 5 years. It would require them to hook it up and complete air sampling. We would also need annual service contract to ensure proper operation and air quality. The total to get this operational is \$6936.86. To purchase a new compressor would be over \$40000.00. Motion was made to proceed with the purchase by C Balkema and seconded by J Balkema. All in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: None

Members Time: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.