

Draft – Minutes for the Galesburg Charleston Fire Board Meeting June 17, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance: Chief Roomsburg, Chris Balkema, Josh Balkema, and Carol Wortinger. Roger Frazee absent. No Public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes for May 20, 2026. Motion to approve as written by J Balkema, seconded by C Wortinger. All in favor, motion carried.

Run Report: Charleston - 27
Galesburg - 16
Mutual Aid - 0

Currently there are 260 calls compared to 231 last year.

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

Treasurer Report – Current balance in all accounts of \$198,381.48. Board had questions on the CD disbursements and adjustments. Chief Roomsburg will get answers. Motion to accept report with noted questions and pay bills for checks #7443 to #7459 by C Balkema and seconded by J Balkema. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report:

The department will be involved in Greater Galesburg Day's this Saturday.

The Fire Academy's final day is Saturday.

Firefighter's Lane and Blair made a repair to truck 1041 saving the department labor costs.

Chief Roomsburg met with Mr. Troyer, Director of the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, to discuss new radio system and radio grant.

We have 1 applicant that we will be interviewing.

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

Old Business:

Grant update: The grant through Senator Slotkin's office for replacement of the tanker continues in the process. The Fire Department received an email from FEMA advising that the AFG grant we applied for 2 years ago had been declined because they ran out of funds.

Josh Balkema is going to reach out to a Charleston resident to see if they would be willing to serve out the remainder of Ann Nieuwenhuis's term. Term ends December 31, 2026.

Radio Readiness Project- During Chief Roomsburg's meeting with Mr. Troyer we finalized the cost of this project. Quote for radios- \$152,497.92

KCCDA Contribution- \$119,325.00

Ours costs- \$33,172.92

Motion to purchase the radios and allow Chief Roomsburg to sign purchase agreement by J Balkema and a second by C Balkema. All in favor, motion passed.

Website Update: Nothing to report.

Budget Update: The board will be making changes to the current budget numbers at next month's meeting. We will need to show an increase to reflect the chassis payment.

Building update: Fire Department will be taking over building maintenance next month.

Legal update: Nothing to report

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

New business: There was discussion on the upcoming Renaissance Fair. The department has been contacted about providing Firefighters for medical coverage during this event. The Firefighters will be paid by the promoter. Chief Roomsburg has Firefighters interested in providing this service.

Public comment: None

Members Time: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.