

DRAFT GALESBURG-CHARLESTON JOINT FIRE BOORD MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7 pm (1900) by Chairperson Chris Balkema.

Attendance: Josh Balkema, Chris Balkema, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Chief Kevin Roomsburg via speaker phone, Roger Frazee, and Tim Randall.

Public Comment: no public in attendance

Run Report Stats: See Chief's Report

Approval of last meeting minutes: Roger moves, Ann seconds. All Ayes, zero Nyes. Motion passes.

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance: \$155,545.55

Fed Taxes: \$396.31

Mi W/H: \$395.16

Bills: \$1,982.35

Deposit: \$1,982.35

Ending Balance: \$164,393.12

Approval of Report: Motion to accept by Chris, second by Roger, vote: 4 Ayess, 0 Nays; motion passes.

For more specific information, please refer to the Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Run report for December 2022: 32 in Charleston, 19 in Galesburg, plus 5 mutual aid calls for a total of 56 runs. 2022 runs totaled 470 calls; 217 in Galesburg, 224 in Charleston.

2021 Run Report : 502 runs plus 29 mutual aid.

2023 so far 26 calls from the first of the year to January 18, 2023.

One new fire applicant, he is a retired fire fighters son.

Implementing a 2nd Saturday of the month breakfast and interaction morale booster session at the fire house. Great attendance at the 1st session on January 14, 2023. And a shout out to the cook—Great Food—thank you! The plan is to continue this as a monthly activity.

Chief shared some details regarding the Fire at Landscape Forms. We were the primary fire truck. Six local departments fought the fire.

Motion to approve Chief's report by Chris with a second from Josh, 4 eyes to accept. Motion carried.

Old Business: Deputy Randall discussed the lights and security system installation. Everyone really appreciates the additional lighting and the new security system that allows firefighter to open and close the large doors without leaving the fire trucks.

Grant Update: A suggestion to implement a grant budget line item for matching dollars was recommended by Roger, and the board agreed with the suggestion. Next meeting this will be on the budget agenda.

Firefighter Attraction and Retention Update Covered in Chief's report.

Building Update: Covered in Old Business

Galesburg City Counsel Briefing Update: Roger discussed some needed minor adjustments to the budget. Will discuss more with Mayor Linda. Roger will bring back specific budget suggestions to the entire Fireboard for their consideration and we can then work with our bookkeeper.

Legal Update: Attorney Kevin Travis suggested we look into the benefits and challenges with creating our own Fire Authority.

Reminder: JFB 1st meeting 1-23-23 6:00 pm @ Charleston Twp Hall

Second Public Comment- 3 minutes per person. No public was in attendance

New Business:

We appointed a new Secretary and Treasurer at the December 2021 meeting; however, the meeting minutes did not indicate the actual name of either elected candidate. This was addressed and is now reflected in the January 2023 minutes as Ann Nieuwenhuis was elected Secretary and Josh Balkema was elected as the Treasurer at the December 2022 Fire Board meeting.

The Fireboard's bank requires that these two positions have the names and titles listed in our Board minutes for security purposes. The first signature is for Josh Balkema, treasurer and Ann Nieuwenhuis, Secretary to be added as signatories for the Fireboard checking account. Chris made the motion, Roger seconded the motion, 4 ayes--motion pass. Both of these fireboard members have been elected to be on the checking account.

Meeting adjourned at 2016: 1st motion by Chris, 2nd by Josh, All in favor 4 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Nieuwenhuis, Secretary of the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board