

APPROVED GALESBURG CHARLESTON JOINT FIRE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairmen Chris Balkema.
2. Attendance: Chris Balkema, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Roger Frazee, Josh Balkema, Chief Kevin Roomsburg and Bruce Turner, fire fighter.
3. Public comment: no public in attendance
4. Run Report Stats: see Chief's report below
5. Approval of 01/18/2023 minutes with additions of the names of the newly appointed signatories as required– Josh Balkema, Roger Frazee and Ann Nieuwenhuis.

Chris Second Ann Ayes 3 Nyes 0. Motion passes.

6. Treasurers Report: Submitted and accepted , motion to accept Chris and motion seconded by Ann. Please refer to Treasurers report.

7. Chief's Report: Charleston 21, Charleston, 27 Galesburg with 2 mutal aid for a final total of 50 runs for January, 2023. Chief created an amazing annual report for the past 12 months of activity. This report allowed for a great indepth conversation on the past years accomplishments and future goals.

Chief indicated he had selected a new assistant Fire Chief and asked for a nomination to appoint Bruce Turner for Assistant Fire Chief. Motion made by Chris Balkema and seconded by Ann Nieuwenhuis. Motion carried 4 ayes and no nyes! Congratulations were shared with the new Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Turner!

A new fire fighter has been hired. Welcome Seth Padgett! Seth is from a long line of family fire fighters. Chief indicated has another interview for an additional new fire fighter.

The Chief has enrolled the Fire Department with new Emergent Care for pre-employment physicals and work-related injury treatments. The Chief is very pleased with their response and the cost.

8. Old Business:

Grant update: submitted grant request for under \$50,000 for a gear dryer and equipment to fill air tanks. The gear dryer will be a great addition to keeping gear clean and ready for use. Currently we only have a gear washer. These new grant items will enhance our fire protection equipment program.

2023-2024 budget: Will be working on our new budget at our March meeting. Looking into new titles for several budget line items to better clarify expenditures. Will discuss with bookkeeper and auditor for suggestions.

Firefighter Attraction and Retention Update: Second breakfast went well. Looking forward to continuing this practice.

JFB update: Will bring information to next meeting Monday February 27th on how and when to bond check signatories after Fireboard Secretary speaks with our insurance company.

Question regarding bylaws has been answered by our auditing firm. Bylaws are in our current contract and can reviewed and inserted as needed by the JFB committee.

Request for Chief and Assistant Chief job descriptions will be available after Fire Chief or Fireboard Secretary contact area local governmental entities for their job descriptions.

Building Update: Appreciate the new lights and will continue to work on areas of need.

Galesburg City Counsel Briefing Update: Brief update by Roger.

Legal Update: no questions at this meeting will look into the ability to charge for nuisance calls.

Sub-committee Update:

We reviewed a request regarding possible annual City of Galesburg business fire inspections to be conducted by the Fire Department Staff.

Public Comment-(3 minutes) No public in attendance

New Business:

JFB representatives will continue to attend and participate in these joint meetings. Progress is being made!!

Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Nieuwenhuis, Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board Secretary.

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