

MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Sherman Township Fire Department
December 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Attendees: Sandra Loy, JT Reno, Bob Pieti, Ed Burger, Rob Middlemis-Brown, Addy Schmidt, Eric Smith (via phone), and Mike Jarvi.

Call to order: 6:38 PM

Minutes: November meeting minutes were approved with three corrections; m/Sandra and s/JT.

Incidents: Discussed the structural fire that occurred on Thanksgiving weekend at “Eagles Nest” located at 5518 Garden City Road in Houghton Township. Eagle Harbor drafted water from Lake Superior in Eagle River as the hydrants were frozen. Discussions included response times, difficulty of getting water to the scene, and total loss of the structure of over \$200,000.

Financial: Township Treasurer reported on November 30, 2018 the millage account balance was \$32,452.51 and fundraising account balance was \$2,738.34. The increase in the millage account was due to the CFR corrected payments and CFR withdrawal penalty payment; CFR property contributes about \$1,600/year to the millage account.

Correspondence: None

Previous Business:

FEMA AFG Micro Grant support letters were secured from Representative Bergman, Senator Peters, and Senator Stabenow; all three letters were sent to FEMA HQ in Washington, DC.

Millage Account updated financial plan was approved with the CFR withdrawal payment allocated to the operations section of the account for use as local match in FEMA grants; m/Mike and s/ Sandra. The millage financial plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

First Responder Course will be at Stanton Township VFD over three weekends (one weekend per month) in late winter 2019. Dates and times are not available yet; instructor Jon Stone has been contacted and once dates and times are known the information will be sent to all those interested. Community members are encouraged to become Medical First Responders; the rescue unit is part of the emergency services and is independent of fire services.

Used ambulance donated by Mercy Ambulance for MFR unit was picked up on December 7. The certified emergency vehicle technician is inspecting the vehicle for any mechanical issues. Once the inspection and any minor repairs are completed, the vehicle will be refurbished as a rescue unit. Following the conversion from ambulance to rescue unit, the vehicle will be stored in the building extension for the winter.

Hydrant water supply capacity in Gay was discussed; the water supply for the community would supply about 110 minutes using three attack hoses at 125 GPM each.

Slate of officer nominations for next 4-year term of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022 were approved; m/Addy and s/Sandra. The fire chief nomination will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Chief	Rob
Assistant Chief	Mike
Equipment Officer	Bob
Training Officer	Ed
Fundraising Officer	Ed

New Business.

Training Schedule (12 hours annually required by ISO for active member)

Winter refresher courses were discussed. Potential courses for January through April include Hydrant static pressure and water supply, SCBA deployment, GPS and maps, and CPR/AED/First Aid certification. Courses will be scheduled at the January meeting.

First Responder Course to be held at Stanton Township VFD over three weekends in early 2019. Dates and times are not available; contacted instructor Jon Stone to indicate interest.

Apparatus and equipment

Pager replacement batteries have been purchased; if needed the batteries are located on cabinet next to washtub.

Number 3 (tanker) was upgraded NFPA 1901(2016 Edition) for seatbelts (upgraded to 3-point seat belts) and rear stripes to meet NFPA 1901 (2009 Edition).

All vehicles were upgraded using NFPA 1901 (2016 Edition) with safety decals and yellow lines around cab doorsteps.

Adjournment: 7:29 PM; next meeting on January 8, 2019 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM