

MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Sherman Township Fire Department
October 8, 2019

Attendees

Bob Pieti, Ed Burger, Rob Middlemis-Brown, Addy Schmidt, Sandra Loy, Eric Smith, and Mike Jarvi

Call to order

6:35 PM

Minutes

September meeting minutes were approved with minor correction; m/JT and s/Addy.

Incidents:

None

Financial:

Township Treasurer reported on September 30, 2019 millage account balance of \$47,272.38 and fundraising account balance of \$39,698.60. Deposits to millage account were 2018 tax payments. Deposits to fundraising account were from Auxiliary donation of \$5,500 for radio signal project, AED, and drafting pump. Expenses from fundraising (not yet posted) are for tables, chairs, and breakfast banners.

Correspondence:

Previous Business:

Phase III of the building extension project is now completed.

Radios for MFR Fire Chief request for two additional radios to the 911 Committee (one for medical first responders and one replacement for JT) will be Mercy Ambulance old radios that are being replaced; radio delivery date unknown.

Radio signal improvement project for fire station project was completed on October 7. Radios and pagers now have full signal within the fire station along with messaging WIFI.

2018 FEMA 5% Match Grant of for pumper CAFS system, SCBA tank replacements, extrication coveralls, and EMS clothing was denied. The grant was approved for MFR equipment/gear (\$4,600) and fire suppression nozzles (\$4, 910). Motion to use \$3,500 from Auxiliary (for AED and drafting pump) for needed EMS equipment and to use up to \$1,000 from the department's fundraising account was approved; m/Mike and s/Ed. Drafting pump DNR grant matching funds will be from the millage account and the AED will be purchased using the FEMA grant.

2019 Local NFPA training committee met on September 30. Local courses include Firefighter I&II in Lake Linden and Stanton Township. Other courses that will likely be offered include Emergency Drivers Certification, Tanker Shuttle, Houghton County Live Fire, Chimney Fire, Fire Instructor 1, and Officer 1. 2019-2020 course schedule has not been set although Firefighter I/II course dates are likely to be same as 2018-2019.

Houghton County Mutual Aid implementation is still waiting for State of Michigan template development used to reprogram all of the department radios to include Houghton County channel.

New Business:

Change name on all department documents to "Sherman Township Fire and Rescue Department" motion was approved; m/JT and s/Mike.

Updating department constitution to include EMS unit and Captain position was discussed; draft changes were distributed for final approval at November meeting.

EMS protocol document to be developed by Eric over the next few months in coordination with MFR members.

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

Wildland Fire Operations meeting with DNR was held on October 1, 2019

Winter (indoor) Courses will include 1) First Aid/CPR to be held at Portage Hospital on December 10 at 5:30 PM), 2) SCBA testing and deployment (January), 3) Incident Command for fire scene/dispatch communication (February) and 4) Incident Command for tanker shuttle operation (March).

Apparatus and equipment:

Truck 1 (command) pumper nozzle 1" adjustable nozzle for foam and water purchased from FEMA grant (replacing the 1.5-inch nozzle that does not have an adequate spray). Extrication red coveralls with reflection tape, two in large size, to be purchased for approximately \$35 each. Truck 2 (pumper) will have two gated hydrant valves for the hydrant kit, three bore/fog nozzles for the pre-connected lines, and a piercing nozzle kit purchased from FEMA grant. Truck 5 (Rescue) is at Dave's Auto Service to repair power steering, ABS brakes system, and disconnect the backup alarm (replacement alarm with normal beeping alarm will be installed).

Adjournment: 7:38 PM; next meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM