

Fire and EMS Association Minutes
January 8, 2013 at Fire Station

Meeting was called to order by President Roger Hodel at 8:05 p.m.

Members Present: Roger Hodel, President, Dan Palmer-Montrose, Ted Fahey-Exeter, Mark Gundlach-Exeter, Deb Kazmar-Belleville and Julie Bigler, Secretary. Absent Garth Langhammer-Brooklyn, Phil Van Kampen-Oregon and Howard Ward-Belleville

Others Present: Fire Chief Ron Babler and EMS Gary Ziegler arrived later
Secretary stated for the record that notice had been posted according to Open Meeting Laws.

Motion made by Ted Fahey, seconded by Mark Gundlach and made unanimous on voice vote to approve EMS January 2013 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried.

Fire

Motion made by Dan Palmer, seconded by Mark Gundlach and made unanimous on voice vote to approve Fire January 2013 Treasurer report as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Ron Babler gave the department update-127 calls in 2012 which is a new record. Matt Ingham is a new fire firefighter. Brady McSherry and Justin Palmer will be off probation. Ron requested dress uniforms @\$200 per person be taken out of fund raising funds.

Discussion held on the usage of remaining balance from 2012. Chief Babler proposed Fire Officers pay for 2012, reimbursement on an imaging cameral of \$10,000 (or pay half). Continuing replacing turn out gear of 5 sets at \$7500.00 (\$6000 out of 2013 budget with \$1500 from carryover). Retirement Length of Service is due for 2013. The 2% Fire Dues can be used. There are 33 people @\$250 and the state matches with \$250.

Motion made by Ted Fahey, seconded by Dan Palmer and made unanimous on voice vote to pay \$5000 to Fire Department of carryover funds for Imaging Camera. Motion carried

Motion made by Ted Fahey, seconded by Mark Gundlach and made unanimous on voice vote to pay an additional \$1500 for 5 sets of turn out gear out of carry over funds. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the pros and cons of charging for fire calls with either a flat fee, man hours and/or water usage. Roger Hodel called insurance companies and was told that they have a \$500 fee included in their policies for fire calls. A representative from Three Rivers will be here to discuss further at the March 12th meeting. No action taken at this time.

Discussion held on making the Brush 9 road worthy. Ron will get the Truck Committee to evaluate and will have results either for the March or June meeting.

EMS

Motion made by Ted Fahey, seconded by Mark Gundlach and made unanimous by voice vote to approve EMS January 2013 Treasurer report as presented. Motion carried.

Department update by Gary Ziegler- In 2011 there were 300 calls and in 2012 there were 407 calls. Membership is as follows: 45 on the roster, 36 EMT, 7 drivers, 2 trainees and 4 in class at this time. Fundraiser events-April 13th will be the Spring Fling Dance instead of a Sweetheart Dance. Letters will be sent for upcoming events. May 4th will be a Community Garage Sale Breakfast and an Open House will be held on May 22nd.

Discussion held on the power outage during the blizzard on December 20th. Gary will look into mitigation funds for a generator and other emergency preparedness funds. Dress uniform costs will be taken out of EMS funds and not Association budget. The electronic run is up and running as of January 1st.

Motion made by Dan Palmer, seconded by Mark Gundlach and made unanimous by voice vote to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held at the EMS Building on March 12, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Bigler, Secretary