

BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/21/16

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by President Mark O'Brien. Members present were Kim Gruebling, Pat Hawkey, John Marx, and Jim Lunde. Also present were Dan Dean, Tom Bowers and Joanne Van Norman.

Motion: Gruebling/Lunde to approve minutes of 10/12/2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Several people commented on the withdrawal of the Village of Brooklyn from the Brooklyn Fire/EMS Protection District.

Motion: Hawkey/Gruebling to appoint Joanne Van Norman as District Secretary/Treasurer for 2017. Motion carried.

Chief Bowers distributed a report of Fire calls YTD and a chart showing the number of incidents by Municipality. He explained the different type of calls and also requested that the report not be published since it contained addresses.

He reported that DaneCom is "hit and miss". The atmosphere appears to have an effect on reception. At a recent fire call with mutual aid called in, there was confusion on what channels to use and the digital channel didn't work inside of the building. Todd Klahn and Pat Hawkey asked that he send reports of communication issues to all Municipalities. They are ultimately liable for any losses that may be caused by lack of communication. Chief agreed to send reports.

The Brooklyn Fire Association voted to supplement the funds available from the interest earned on the Retirement CD. Each year the interest earned is paid to a retired firefighter with at least 20 years of service and is over 65 yrs. old. The interest for 2016 was less than years before due to the lower interest rate earned. The Association contributed \$200 and each retiree will get an amount between \$20 - \$60.

Chief Bowers also reported that the Fire Association will be donating to the Fire District a new Chevy Silverado to replace Car 2 which was sold several years ago. They had considered purchasing a used vehicle but found that vehicles with 85-100K miles were selling for \$25/26K. The new vehicle will cost @ \$31,000.00. The District Board accepted the donation.

Chief Bowers recognized the 4th anniversary of Chief Mortensen's death.

EMS Director Dean stated that he is still unable to print detailed reports but hopes to be able to provide them starting January 2017. There have been 158 EMS calls YTD. One EMT student has just completed their training and will begin taking shifts.

Out-of-service YTD is 88 hours, some due to maintenance. 99.5% in-service compared to 2015's 89%. – a direct result of having part-time staff. This year Oregon has had to take 2 calls compared to 15 in 2015. Brooklyn EMS has responded to 42 calls for Oregon compared to 50+ in 2015. He will have year-end reports at the January 2017 meeting.

Hawkey stated that the Village would like to receive a 3-5 year plan that would address where EMS is and where it's going – specifically in regards to staffing. Dean said he will work on putting a plan together.

Motion: Lunde/Gruebling to appoint Dan Dean as the EMS Director for 2017/18. Motion carried.

President O'Brien administered the Oath of Office to EMS Director.

Motion: Marx/Lunde to table action on letter received from Village of Brooklyn Attorneys Fenner and & Seiler dated 9/20/16. Motion carried.

Motion: Marx/Lunde to table action on letter received from Village of Brooklyn Attorneys Fenner and & Seiler dated 9/27/16. Motion carried.

John Marx will contact the recommended Mediation Attorney to obtain cost of mediation.

No update on amendments to the BFEPD Agreement.

Wayne Ace, Town of Oregon Chairman, will set up a meeting with all five of the Municipalities and Brooklyn Fire District Board to discuss the various issues with the Amended Agreement. The meeting will be held at the Town of Oregon Town Hall in January 2017.

Next meeting will be on 1/25/17.

Motion by Gruebling/second by Lunde to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Motion carried.