

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Mark O'Brien. Members present were Kim Gruebling, Sue McCallum, Jim Lunde and John Marx. Also present were Tom Bowers, Dan Dean, Linda Kuhlman and Joanne Van Norman.

Motion: Gruebling/McCallum to approve minutes of 11/15/17 meeting. Motion carried.

No Public comments.

No action on purchase of Water Rescue Equipment as cost has been covered by donations from **Alton Erickson** and Payne & Dolan.

Chief Bowers reported that the new compressor has been ordered at a cost of \$31,290 – much less than the original estimate. It will take 4-6 weeks for delivery. (Jefferson Fire's bid was \$35,888. Five Alarm's bid was \$26,698 for compressor only and (4) 6000 PSI bottles and labor to install for a total of \$31,290.)

Motion: Marx/Gruebling to approve participation in the SAP program. There was one deletion from the spreadsheet the Village Clerk had provided. Totals were adjusted to reflect that change. The Fire and EMS Associations will pay their 25% of buy-back totals as agreed. The District will pay the balance of buy-back years from 2017 Budget dollars. The 2017 SAP Contribution will be paid using 2018 budget. The Village Clerk will contact someone at the state level regarding the eligibility of Part-time/volunteer employees. Unless told differently, the Part-Time/Volunteer will be included. Motion carried.

Chief Bowers reported that a Town of Union resident would like the Fire Dept. to flood private property for an ice rink 83' x 32' x 2". He was advised to inform the resident that the Village would be charging them for the water and a donation to the Fire District would be appreciated. Marx questioned the ability to charge for water used at fires. The Town of Brooklyn had heard that this would become a possibility. Clerk Kuhlman stated that we are not charged for the water used through the fire hydrant at the station. There is a levy tax for hydrants and the State now allows that to be added to a resident's water bill instead of a levy.

Alliant Energy grant money (\$1,000) for the AED was received.

The WI Dept. of Safety – Professional Services will be conducting an audit on 1/16/18. They will be verifying how the 2% dues money we receive each year was spent.

He thanked the Board for their support during the past year.

McCallum requested that the Fire Dept. **and EMS** present recommendations for spending any excess funds at the next District meeting.

EMS Director Dean reported that he had no printed reports this month but would have them for the next meeting. One member has left the service to attend medical school and a former member has applied.

He addressed information provided by McCallum regarding Acts 66 and 96. Act 66 allows EMTs to operate at their service level instead of the level of the ambulance service. EMT Basics can already do more than they could in previous years. IV's and pain meds can be administered as a Basic. Since

we are not in a rural area and have backup higher service levels close by, this does not apply to us. Act 96 applies to FAP funds and is not a major change.

Gruebling asked if there have been any more issues with Evansville calls. Dean was aware of one more call since our last meeting that would have been closer to our service area and we weren't called. He asked for dates/times of similar calls are available at the next District meeting. Marx requested that he obtain a quarterly report from Rock County of all calls for Evansville so there is documentation to take to the Evansville meeting.

Motion: Lunde/Gruebling to approve the appointment of Joanne Van Norman as the District Secretary/Treasurer for 2018 and Cheri Crubaugh as the Assistant for 2018. Motion carried.

Van Norman reported that the Accountants will be beginning the financial audit later in April.

There is a locked room that contains many years of records etc. that is full and needs to be cleaned out. This year John Beranek, Alton Erickson and anyone who wants to help will be working on sorting everything. Anything historical will be saved. She will contact Pellitteri's about the cost of shredding. They come to UB&T on a quarterly basis and she will try to coordinate with that trip.

The CD approved at the 8/16/17 meeting to be used for future purchase of SCBA equipment will be set up at whichever local bank has the best interest rate for 12-13 months. The amount will be \$141,000 minus the cost of the new compressor.

November Financial Statements were handed out.

Next meeting will be on Feb. 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Motion Gruebling/McCallum to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Motion carried.