

Olive Township - New Carlisle - Hudson Township Fire Protection Territory Executive Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

Attending: Jerry Colanese, Will Miller, Josh Schweizer, Chad Hess, Austin Kosinski, Bob Middlebrook, David Wilson

Others Present: Susie White, Clint Weisenberger, Chris Small, Zack Wainscott

Call to Order

- I. **Adopt Agenda:** motion by Will Miller, 2nd by Bob Middlebrook, motion passed by body: YES
- II. **Consent Items:** Motion by Bob Middlebrook, 2nd by David Wilson, motion passed by body: YES
 - a. Approve meeting minutes from 1-10-2024
- III. **Call Reviews and Reports**
 - a. January 2024 there were 67 calls for service, compared to January of 2023 there were 68 calls for service. Attached is a graph sheet with information on types of calls and areas of calls.
 - b. During the cold spell there was trouble getting on the Toll Road using the access gate we have off of Chicago Trail. We have met with the Toll Road Emergency Management personnel and they are now ensuring that the access gets plowed, we have our own lock on the gate and they are talking about possibly paving the entrance.
- IV. **Inspection Process**
 - a. Commercial Inspections: Inspections are starting to be scheduled and will be started yet in February. We have had some training in house throughout January to ensure that our inspectors are all up to date and on the same page.
 - b. Residential Rental Inspections: We are working with the town board to get an ordinance in place that would allow and require rental inspections, this would only apply within the town limits.
- V. **Construction on Fire Station**
 - a. Siding is installed on front of station. This spring the station will be power washed and painted, the check for that is already cut from 2023 budget. Front entry door has been replaced and the plan is to work our way around the building replacing the entry doors as the budget allows.

VI. **Union Negotiations**

- a. Union President Clint Weisenberger and VP Chris Small are present. They are asking who will be negotiating as part of the board and what timeline they are looking at for negotiations. Board decides that the entire board will be a part of the negotiations, it is the suggestion of Will Miller that the union get a draft done by the end of March and submit to Chief Schweizer and Trustee Miller so that they can look it over for budget and functionality and then send it to Baker Tilly for their budget impact consultation, it is expected this might take most of April to get the response from Baker Tilly. Then in May it would be presented to the board and move forward with negotiations.

VII. **Old Business**

- a. Austin Kosinski asks if Pete Agostino has been contacted about attending meetings virtually. That has not been completed yet, Chief Schweizer will reach out.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Chief Schweizer bring up:
 - i. SCBA Compressor (for firefighter breathing air) is failing us. Motor was recently rebuilt in the end of 2023 and it is again non-functional. We are working on options and quotes.
 - ii. SCBA air packs are at end of life. Members have been demoing breathing air equipment and are currently in the process of obtaining quotes.
 - iii. New partnership has been established with American Red Cross for a smoke alarm program. Red Cross will supply the department with the necessary smoke alarms, the department personnel will install and obtain proper paperwork.
 - iv. Working with American Heart Association to try and upgrade our status from a training site to a training center. This would provide us more control of issuing of CPR cards and such where we are currently running into problems.
 - v. Our working relationship with the water department is renewed. We will hopefully soon be able to start flow testing fire hydrants and painting the tops to match the NFPA color coding on flow rates.
 - vi. Working with SJC on developments and how it works with housing. Tim Creason has been reaching out to LaPorte County to see what their anticipation is for the developments coming. A meeting is going to be set up with LaPorte County officials to ensure that they are aware of what construction is happening and how it will affect their community.
- b. Jerry Colanese asks about the frequency of Narcan administration and if it would be beneficial for the town to look at carrying it in the public works vehicles. Short discussion was had, no recommendation was made.

IX. **Next meeting date: March 12, 2024 @ 5:30PM, EST at the Olive Twp. Trustee's office, 110 S. Arch St. New Carlilse, IN 46552**

X. **Adjournment:**

a. Motion Bob Middlebrook, 2nd David Wilson, all in favor motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by: Chad Hess

Approval Signatures:

Jerry Colanese

Marcy Kauffman

William Short

Will Miller

Robert Middlebrook

Austin Kosinski

David Wilson