

Olive Township, New Carlisle, Hudson Lake Fire Territory Executive Board

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

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

Absent: Will Short

Guests: Clint Weisenberger

Call to Order

I. *Adopt Agenda* – motion Bob Middlebrook; 2nd David Wilson – unanimous vote.

II. *Consent Items* – motion Bob Middlebrook; 2nd Will Miller – unanimous vote.

Approved minutes from 2/13/2024

III. *Call Review & Reports*

- Binders presented to each member containing a comprehensive February, 2024 Monthly Report.
- Josh explained that 2 units are out at the same time frequently; this could indicate the need for a third unit in the future.
- The report revealed that 1002 training hours were accrued; this has been a main focus.
- 2 smoke alarms were installed in February.
- 3 commercial building inspections have been conducted; inspections are scheduled, not random
- Razor 5 has indicated that they will allow the Fire Territory to conduct training in 2 structures on their property.
- Difference between automatic and mutual aid was discussed.
- Currently we have 6 paramedics with others getting trained; the goal is to have 2 paramedics per shift; looking into possibly equipping another unit as a paramedic unit.

IV. *Compliance Engine*

- Chad explained the Compliance Engine program by Brycer.
- Automatically sends out inspection notices to businesses and industry; with all the new growth expected, it is desirable.
- Motion by Bob Middlebrook, 2nd by Will Miller to contract with Brycer for the Compliance Engine program. Motion passed with one nay, Austin Kosinski.

V. *Virtual Meetings*

- Per Pete Agostino, we can make a resolution to hold virtual meetings and then vote on it.
- Discussion ensued regarding having a Teams meeting option by request.
- Motion made by Austin Kosinski, 2nd by Bob Middlebrook to hold a Teams meeting when requested; unanimous vote.

VI *Fire Marshall*

- Through conversations with Razor 5 and the Redevelopment Commission, there is a proposal from Razor 5 to fund a Fire Marshall position with the fire territory.
- Fire Marshall would take over all inspections; could hold a dual role as a fire fighter.
- Fire Marshall does not hold rank over the Fire Chief.
- Concerns over the perception of Razor 5 funding this position; Pete Agostino will be consulted.
- Bob Middlebrook asked Clint Weisenberger how staffing is so far; Clint responded that there are lots of medical calls but having a 6th person is working well.

VII *SCBA Compressor*

- Josh explained the current need for one
- Received quotes from Howell Rescue Systems for \$31,638.10 and Pro Air Midwest for \$47000.
- Monies will come out of EMS receivable fund; will have to do an additional appropriation.
- Motion made by Bob Middlebrook to accept the Howell quote pending the Olive Township Board vote to release funds for it; 2nd by Austin Kosinski; unanimous vote.

VIII *Old Business*

- Josh: no update with Union; only informal talks with Clint Weisenberger

IX *New Business – None*

X *Next meeting date: April 9, 2024 @ 5:30 at the Town Trustee's office*

XI *Adjournment*

- Motion by Austin Kosinski; 2nd by David Wilson; unanimous vote.