

BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 4/26/17

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Mark O'Brien. Members present were Kim Gruebling, Sue McCallum, John Marx, and Jim Lunde. Also present were Tom Bowers, Dan Dean and Joanne Van Norman.

Motion: Gruebling/Marx to approve minutes of 3/22/2017 minutes. Motion carried.

President O'Brien welcomed Sue McCallum as the new Village of Brooklyn Fire District Representative.

Wayne Ace distributed signed copies of the Brooklyn Fire/EMS Protection District Agreement. He thanked everyone for their time and efforts in bringing this to a close. He also asked for a possible donation to offset the Town of Oregon's legal fees in getting this agreement finished. The Commissioners will discuss with their Municipalities and bring decision to the next District meeting.

McCallum presented the signed Resolution #2017-03 Rescinding Resolution 2016-11 Regarding Withdrawal from the Brooklyn Fire & EMS Protection District, Inc.

McCallum presented 3 checks from the Village for payment of 2016 Budget balance and balance of 1st and 2nd quarter 2017 payments.

Marx presented a letter he wrote to the Village of Brooklyn attorney regarding the letter received from them dated 12.21.16. This letter contained several accusations that he felt needed to be addressed. O'Brien and Marx have signed the letter and it will be mailed to the attorney. McCallum stated that Seiler is no longer the Village's attorney.

Chief Bowers distributed copies of the 2016 Financial Report for the Brooklyn Fire Association. He does not have an estimate on the cost of signage on the new Pickup truck yet but did have a picture of what it will look like. Pierce is estimating that the new tender will be delivered in August. The Green County Sheriff Department has asked for assistance at the 2017 Breakfast on the Farm on May 27th. It will be held at the McNeely farm W425 Elmer Rd. Nothing new on DaneCom.

EMS Director Dean reported that there are two new EMS members. They are both RN's who live in the Village. There have been 56 calls YTD. He distributed reports. Out of Service hours for the year is @ 4. He will have the Brooklyn EMS Association Treasurer send the 2016 financial reports. It was recently made known that Brooklyn EMS has been removed from the Mutual Aid for Rock County (except for Union). This means that if there is a call for the northern part of Rock County, ambulances from Footville, etc. are being paged. The response time is much longer than it would be for Brooklyn. Dean will contact Evansville EMS Director to see how this can be changed.

District Sec/Treas. Distributed March financial reports. There was discussion regarding the Retirement Fund for Fire Dept. This was set up years ago with the stipulation that \$2000 would be deposited each year and the interest earned would be paid to qualified Retirees. The principal amount can never be spent. Van Norman questioned what would eventually happen to the principal. This will be discussed at budget meetings. She also asked if draft Agenda should be sent to the Municipal Clerks and who has the authority to add an item to the agenda. It was decided that the draft agenda should be sent to the District Board President first and after his approval, and then sent to everyone else for review and possible additions.

Motion: O'Brien/Marx to authorize the purchase of a new laptop for the District Clerk/Treasure office not to exceed \$1500 (including any IT support needed). Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Marx/Lunde motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Motion carried.