

MINUTES  
BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
1/20/2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Mark O'Brien. Members present were Kim Gruebling, Pat Hawkey, John Marx, and Jim Lunde. Also present were Tom Bowers, Dan Dean, Sarah Grapentine, Kim Kraabel, Joanne VanNorman, Dave Dorn, Tom Wiedenbeck, Justin Wicik, Bruce Crubaugh, Bob Frandy, Todd Klahn, David Fahey, Patti Lentz, Linda Kuhlman, Laura Bowers, Wayne Ace, Sandra Mortenson, Evelyn Hall, and Brian Anderson.

Motion: Lunde/Gruebling to approve minutes of 12/16/15 meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Brian Anderson spoke on behalf of the District regarding tax exempt status and revenue bonds. He concluded that the District is tax exempt. He also stated that in his opinion, the District is considered a Commission and can borrow money beyond revenue bonds.

Sealed interest rate bids were opened by the District Board provided by UB&T and Brooklyn Community Bank in regards to Fire and EMS checking and sweep accounts. They were also asked to provide rates for a CD also. UB&T did not provide a rate for a CD.

Motion: Marx/Lunde to leave Fire and EMS checking and sweep account at UB&T, but open a 12 month CD for cash reserve and a 12 month CD for the fire truck fund at Brooklyn Community Bank. Motion carried.

Chief Bowers reported that the payroll is completed for the year. He is still looking at different options for pumps on the new tender in order to get a more accurate price.

EMS Director reports there were 22,396 volunteer hours in 2015 and that they had 11 members that ran over 1,000 hours. The ambulance was out of service for 25 hours in December.

Discussions regarding EMS billable charges started. The board is wondering if there is any room to increase the billed rates. These rates have set maximums that will be paid by insurance companies.

Motion: Hawkey/Lunde to leave the policy of using/renting the large meeting room as it currently stands. Motion carried.

Discussions continue on amendments to the BFEPD Agreement. Each member will be taking the other Municipalities recommendations back to their board to review it. They will then bring that information to the February meeting. Motion: Hawkey/Lunde to table until the February 17th meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting on Wed. February 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Motion: Lunde/Marx to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Motion carried.