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Westfield Fire Committee
Meeting
December 29, 2009

Meeting called to order with members Mike Carson, Rick Robb, Jim Likley, Pat Edington present. Ron Oiler, Tim Kratzer, Gary Harris, Dan Grabowski also in attendance.

The months run report was presented with a total of 26 runs.

Bills were presented and approved totaling \$5,349.35. On file.

Chief Carson stated that all fire code inspections of area business, churches, schools, etc. have been completed giving a baseline for future inspection needs. Records of inspections to be maintained at department office.

Discussion on status of department SOGs, Heather has additional information to be provided to Mike. The goal to finalize by the end of the first quarter 2010.

The Village has offered Judy Couchey to attend committee meetings to take and prepare minutes starting in January.

Knox Box proposal from Mike Carson to require installation on new construction was discussed, each entity would need to go through a zoning change requirements to implement.

Station interior wall has been completed to accommodate new truck. Discussion regarding truck inspection at the Nebraska facility, it was believed that this inspection was part of the contract. Further information needed, Chief Carson to review and get with Council and Trustees.

Budget for 2010 was discussed, a joint meeting with the Village of Westfield Center, Gloria Glens and Township Trustees was agreed to be scheduled in January. Jim Likley was to request from Fiscal Officer Evans a year end total of department expenses. The 2009 operating expenses to be base of 2010 budget. The goal of joint meeting will be to establish funding, structure and direction of department.

Rick Robb stated concern that the Village funding and level of service was limited by the level of funding supported by the township fire levy. Jim Likley suggested that the Village provide the additional funding to the department for level of service wanted i.e. full time Chief etc. Mr. Robb didn't feel that would be fair to the Village residents. Future Committee meeting will be on the fourth Thursday of each month. Next meeting on January 28th 7:00 PM.

Chief Carson stated that department had 30 members and applications for 2 new members, Parker Gear and Brad Brandenburg.

Chief Carson was given information of grant writer to pursue funding for training and equipment, January 15th deadline. Mike also is requesting new office printer-copier and computer.

A purchase order request to outfit new truck with needed equipment, truck committee to work up list of needs and present to boards. Estimated \$30,000.00.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20

Approved _____
Interim Chief Carson _____

Committee Member _____