

WESTFIELD FIRE & RESCUE  
FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order with members Pat Edington, Mike Carson, Ron Oiler and Heather Sturdevant present. Martha Evans, Dan Grabowski, Vicky and Tim Brunenmeister, Kevin Rych and Dave Lindsey were also in attendance. Rick Robbs was absent due to a work commitment.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:**

Mrs. Edington opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON: Pat Edington moved to nominate Rick Robbs as President of the Fire Committee. Mr. Oiler seconded the nomination and moved to close the nominations.

Vote: Aye 4 (Edington, Carson, Oiler, Sturdevant), No 0, Absent 1 (Robbs).

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON & SECRETARY: Heather Sturdevant was nominated as Vice-Chair and appointed Judy Couchey as Secretary. Mr. Oiler moved to close the nominations. Vote: Aye 4 (Edington, Carson, Oiler, Sturdevant), No 0, Absent 1 (Robbs).

SET MEETING DATE AND TIME: It was agreed to hold the meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Westfield Fire Hall.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The minutes of the December 29, 2009 meeting were not approved, due to omissions.

The Knox Box proposal from Mike Carson at the last meeting was discussed and Mr. Carson that after talking with Bill Thorne that it should be mandatory on new commercial buildings and highly recommended on residential buildings. Mr. Thorne said it does not need to be a zoning issue.

SOG's must be into the committee by 2/28/2010 to go to the Township Trustees and Village Council.

Mr. Carson presented new Fire and Rescue Rosters and the month's run report. Mr. Carson explained the different levels of care and billing for runs:

\$450.00 basic care, oxygen and transport

\$550.00 intermediate care with insertion of an IV

\$650.00 higher level of care needed with the insertion of 2 or more drugs.

## PAYMENT OF BILLS

- ~ The Simmons Brothers bill was higher than anticipated for the wall modification. Township Trustees will have to vote on the additional charges over their set \$5,000.00 share for the renovations. The Village will cover their share of the overage.
- ~ Five new CPR manikins were purchased because the department has been doing more CPR classes and existing manikins needed to be replaced.
- ~ The rope bags previously used by the department were not in compliance.
- ~ Wickert Insurance is a special policy to cover dismemberment while on duty.
- ~ Flowers should be paid for by the Fire Auxiliary.
- ~ The Sanitary Engineer's bill was paid 50% by the Village and the balance of 50% needs to be voted on by the Township Trustees.

Mrs. Sturdevant made a motion to pay the bills minus the flowers and based on approval of the wall modification costs. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Edington. Vote: Aye 3 (Edington, Sturdevant, Oiler) No 0, Absent 1 (Robbs).

The 2009 Westfield Fire Committee By-Laws were presented. Village Law Director has a copy and will review and issue the 2010 By-Laws.

~ All personnel issues should go directly to the employing governing body. Mrs. Edington made a motion to include the above statement in Article X of the By-Laws. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sturdevant. Vote: Aye 3 (Edington, Sturdevant, Oiler) No 0, Absent 1 (Robbs).

The truck will not be finished until mid April or Mid May. The company received a large number of orders at the same time. The delivery date could be the first of June to schedule training and service. Updates as they become available will be processed.

Mr. Carson received an application from Brad Weitz who is a 240 medic. Mr. Oiler made a motion to accept the application for day time staffing. The motion was seconded by Pat Edington. Vote: Aye 3 (Edington, Sturdevant, Oiler) No 0, Absent 1 (Robbs).

Mr. Carson gave a response time report: Department to Destination ~ 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. 14 minutes ~ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 5 ½ minutes. Day Time Staffing definitely makes a difference.

Mrs. Evans presented the 2010 Fire Department Budget. Mrs. Edington pointed out that in 2009, 47.5% was paid by the Village. By previous agreement at a joint meeting with the Township and Villages in January it was determined that the budget would be 55% of the calls were for the Township, 39% for the Village and 6% for Gloria Glens.

Mrs. Edington passed out minutes from the Monday, January 25, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Rych questioned the Day Time Staffing budget at 2 people @ \$12.00/hour. This is based on 2 basics and the department only has 2 basic EMT's who could not be available everyday. A heated discussion followed about who was eligible to be on DTS and who was actually working.

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Mr. Grabowski asked about the application for grants to pursue funding for training and equipment. The paperwork was given on December 29, 2009 and was due 1/15/2010. He did not have time to complete the paperwork.

Because of the criticism and challenges to Mr. Carson from members of the department and association, Mr. Carson turned in his resignation. Mrs. Edington asked that it be effective in 2 weeks and he agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Secretary

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Interim Chief Carson

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Committee Member