



CITY OF FREEPORT

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February 27, 2018 – Area Fire Service Association Annual Meeting

The Area Fire Service Association Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Mayor Rodney Atkinson with councilmembers Tim Hennen, Mike Eveslage, Jake Renneker, and Ben Ettle.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Adrianna Hennen, Deputy Treasurer Joan Wall, City Attorney Scott Dymoke, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, Fire Chief John Gilk, and Assistant Chief's Chris Williams and Andy Grieve.

Members in attendance:

Laurence Middendorf (Millwood Township)
Carl Toenyon (Millwood Township)
John Arnzen (St. Rosa City)
Chad Van Beck (Millwood Township)

Pete Welle (Oak Township)
Jim Cremers (St. Anthony City)
Joseph Wiechmann (Millwood Township)
Loren Pelzer (Albany Township)

Approve Agenda

Roll Call

Everyone was in attendance besides Krain Township.

New Business

2017 Financial Report (prelim)

Petersen presented the 2017 Financial Preliminary Report. None of the Townships or Cities had any questions or comments. Petersen explained that the wages and salary lines will look a little off for 2017 since he did that payroll on his first day and was unaware of the different wage line items, but overall the entire cost is correct.

Atkinson asked is money could be transferred from the operating fund to the sinking funds since we seem to be operating with quite a bit of reserve money? Petersen stated the total fund balance wouldn't change depending on where the money was. There was confusion on this topic and was discussed later on in the regular council meeting.

Atkinson asked if Gilk had anything he wanted to share with the Area Fire Service. Gilk stated that their calls were up from the previous year and that they had applied for another FEMA Grant for new turnout gear which he is really hoping they get this year. Gilk also stated that council approve the addition of a Safety Officer. Pelzer stated that he thought having a dedicated Safety Officer might not be a good idea, because there is no way that person would be able to attend every call, then at the calls they aren't at the department wouldn't have a Safety Officer. Pelzer stated that everyone on the department should be qualified to be a Safety Officer and that person should be appointed at each call depending on who is able to respond. Gilk saw his point and council stated they would reconsider the position.

2019 Budget Approval

Renneker moved to approve the 2019 Area Fire Service Budget, seconded by Jim Cremers. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Pelzer moved to adjourn, seconded by Welle. Motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

Adrianna Hennen, Clerk-Treasurer