



CITY OF FREEPORT

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February 23, 2016 – Area Fire Service Association Annual Meeting

The Area Fire Service Association Meeting was called to order at 7:33 by Mayor Rodney Atkinson with councilmembers Tim Hennen, Mike Eveslage, Ken Goebel, 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, Assistant Chief Chris Williams, and Maintenance Assistant Vern Fuchs.

Members in attendance:

Tim Nierenhausen (Albany Township)
Lornie Middendorf (Millwood Township)
Carol Toenyon (Millwood Township)
Robert Cremers (St. Anthony City)
Joseph (Millwood Township)
Cremers (St. Anthony City)

Jeff Goebel (Krain Township)
Mike Rosner (Oak Township)
Clara Michael (Millwood Township)
John Arnzen (St. Rosa City)
Pete Welle (Oak Township)

Approve Agenda

Ettle moved, seconded by T. Hennen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call

Each township and city provided representative.

Old Business (2015 & 2016 Budget Amendments)

Deputy Treasurer Joan wall explained that two budget amendments had to be made, which Wall stated is a requirement by Freeport's auditors. Both of the amendments are to move Freeport's portion of the Area Fire Service Agreement amounts to the correct budget line. The amounts included a transfer of \$42,405.00 and a transfer of \$40,224.00. T. Hennen moved to approve both of the budget amendments, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business (2016 Budget Approval)

Fire Chief Gilk presented on a few fire department topics, one being the need for a new pumper. Gilk stated that Freeport's pumper will only be operable for another year, and they are working on keeping the truck running that long. Gilk stated that the fire department applied for a FEMA Grant, which only requires the Fire Department to pay in 5% of the overall grant amount. Gilk stated that it would be nice to get a grant like that for a new pumper, but was unsure if Freeport's pumper would last long enough to get the grant money. Mayor Atkinson mentioned it might be more beneficial to start applying for the FEMA Grant for a different truck the Department will need in a few years.

Mayor Atkinson also wanted to point out to the Area Fire Service members that Gilk approved a pay cut to the Fire Chief position when Gilk took over in 2016.

Area Fire Service Members agreed that if a grant for a new truck was possible, that it should be pursued. Gilk also invited everyone to the Fire Hall to view the trucks and equipment once the meeting was over. Peter Welle motioned to approve the 2017 budget, seconded by John Arnzen. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Ettle moved to adjourn the Area Fire Service meeting, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

Adrianna Hennen, Clerk-Treasurer