

Jamestown Township Fire Board

Unofficial minutes of the January 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

In attendance were Wendell Loew, Janet Oskin, Mike Rose and Jim Ondersma.

Absent with notice: Gail Altman

In attendance from the Fire Department were Duane Miedema and Tim Kortman.

No one from the community attended the meeting.

The minutes from the December 11, 2017 were read and approved.

Chief's Report:

- For the month of December there were 28 calls.
- For the year of 2017 there were 327 calls, up from 266 calls in 2016.
- Dollar loss from fires in 2017 was \$269,000.
- Continuing to do inspections and enter the reports in the Fire House Program.
- It was noted that since the Chief started full time on January 2, the response time to calls has improved.
- New reflective rain coats were purchased for the fire department members, using funds from the Pancake Breakfast.
- Currently there are 23 members on the Fire Department, with 5 in Probation Training status.
- There was discussion about the Fire Department to start running Priority 3 medical calls in the Township. The Fire Board was in favor of starting this service for a six month trial and to reevaluate it at that time.
- Duane was going to present the addition of this service to the Township Board at their January 15 meeting.
- There were 78 priority 3 calls run in Jamestown Township in year 2017.

Jim Ondersma gave an update on the new Fire Station #1. Construction is progressing in spite of the recent bad weather we have had. The precast concrete and the roof trusses will be set in place by month's end.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 8 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Submitted by Jim Ondersma