

Jamestown Township Fire Board

Unofficial Minutes of March 11, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.

In attendance were board members Janet Oskin, Gail Altman, Wendell Loew, Mike Rose and Jim Ondersma.

Fire department members in attendance were Chief Duane Miedema, Tim Kortman and Keith King.

No one from the community attended the meeting.

The minutes of the March 7, 2019 meeting were read and approved by Oskin, supported by Loew.

Chief's report:

- For the month of February, there were 24 calls compared to 28 in 2018.
- Total calls to date were 79 compared with 68 in 2018.
- Two new AED units were purchased and placed on trucks 1421 and 1422.
- Tablets have been purchased and placed in some of the fire trucks.
- A new app called Active 911 has been added for all of the fire fighters to view. This app shows the location of the fire fighters responding to the station for a call.
- Another app has been installed on the tablets showing the location of fire hydrants in the township. To date this program is still being updated, confirming the hydrant locations.
- The fire department has started to use a new fire call reporting system called Image Trend, replacing a previous program called Fire House. The Image Trend program charges \$1500 a month, compared to \$5000 a month that was charged by Fire House. One benefit with this new program is it includes a program that Duane uses for building inspections. This new reporting program also sends all the call information from Ottawa County Central Dispatch to the Jamestown fire trucks equipped with tablets and can be updated at the emergency location, including taking pictures of the site.
- This reporting system is used by all but one fire departments in Ottawa County.

The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 15 at 6 PM in the Township Hall.

Motion by Altman, with support from Oskin to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Jim Ondersma