Jamestown Township Fire Board
Unofficial minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting

Meeting called top order at 7:00 PM

In attendance – Gail Altman, Wendell Loew, Janet Oskin, Jim Ondersma

Absent – Mike Rose and township attorney Mark Nettleton

Fire Department personnel in attendance – Duane, Miedema, Keith King, Jonathan Hubach, Tim Kortman, Mark Vlasman, Dan Bylsma

No residents attended this meeting.

Agenda was read and approved.

Minutes from the December 12, 2016 will be presented at the next fire board meeting.

Duane Miedema's temporary assignment as fire chief will expire in February, 2017. It was recommended that his temporary assignment be extended and to contact the township attorney on procedures to fill the chief position.

Chief Duane Miedema presented proposed changes for the fire department officers.

From Captain to Deputy Chief, Tim Kortman.

Station 1
Lt Keith King to Captain
Firefighter Dan Bylsma to Lieutenant

Station 2
Firefighter Mark Vlasman to Captain
Firefighter Jonathan Hubach to Lieutenant

These changes will be presented to the township board on January 16, 2017.

There was discussion that if the townships attorney presents procedures for filling the chief's position and an officer is needed to step down, Jonathan Huback stated he would return to firefighter and give up his lieutenant position.

There was in depth discussion on the future of the fire department. With the growth in the township, there will be the need to hire a full time fire chief along with one or two firefighters for Monday through Friday daytime coverage.

The chassis for the new tankers have arrived at the truck body manufacturer.

Rescue truck 1471 is still at the repair shop, but hoping to be back in service within a week.

Also discussed was that the SCBA equipment would need to be replaced in fiscal year 2017 > 2018.

There was discussion on the fire department budget and job descriptions.

The next scheduled meeting will be February 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by Jim Ondersma