

Jamestown Township Fire Board Unofficial minutes from the May 8, 2017 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM

In attendance Gail Altman, Janet Oskin, Jim Ondersma,

In attendance from the fire department were Duane Miedema, Tim Kortman and Dan Bylsma

Absent with notice Mike Rose and Wendell Lowe

No one from the community was present.

The minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Report from the fire chief

The retirement party for fire fighter Mel VanRhee is scheduled for June 24 at station 2 from 10 AM to 1 PM. It was noted that Mel has been a Jamestown firefighter for 40 years.

Duane Miedema and Bob Nienhuis drove to Grayling, MI on May 8 to view the progress on the two new tankers.

The new command truck, a 2017 Dodge pick-up truck has been ordered

Jason Kingsman was interviewed and will become a firefighter at station 1. Jason joins the Jamestown Fire Department as a fully qualified firefighter from the Marne Fire Department.

Firefighter Matt Garcia will be coming off his leave of absence soon.

The firefighter performance reviews are still in progress.

A sub committee was formed consisting of Janet Oskin, Jim Ondersma, Duane Miedema and Niccole L Canute from Mika Meyers to discuss the possibility of a fulltime fire chief position. The committee will also look at the possibility of a fulltime firefighter in the future.

Approval of this committee will be discussed at the May 15 meeting of the township board.

Chief Duane Miedema is looking at other fire department reporting software. The fire department currently has the Firehouse software program.

The Liaison Committee will need to create guide lines for the new command truck in the near future.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Submitted by Jim Ondersma.