Jamestown Township Fire Board Unofficial Minutes from the March 13, 2024 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Fire Board members in attendance: Janet Oskin, Wendell Loew, Mike Rose, Derek McCormick and Jim Ondersma

Fire Department members in attendance: Chief Duane Miedema

This special Fire Board meeting was held prior to and replaced the scheduled March 18th meeting. The reason for the date adjustment was that the 2024 - 2025 budget was due to the Township Board's meeting by their March 18, 2024 board meeting.

The minutes of the January 15, 2024, meeting were read and approved.

Chief's Report:

- To date, fire calls are up by 24 compared to a year ago. With a total of 107 calls.
- With ladder #1441 in delivered to the station, all of the insurance values of the equipment need to be reviewed.
- The Fire Department mileage renewal is two and a half years out.
- There was in depth discussion on the fire department budget.
- It was noted that 80 % of the calls are medical related.
- It was noted that the chief's vehicle #1490 will be needing some extensive repairs in the near future.
- There was additional discussion about the entire fire department fleet and the years of service we can plan to have them.
- It was stated that turn out gear for each fire fighter is roughly \$3000, with a use of only ten years per government regulations.

The next scheduled fire board meeting is June 19, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by Jim Ondersma