# OLIVE TOWNSHIP FIRE RESCUE BOARD MEETING February 8, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Randy Vander Zwaag, Brian DeWitt, Tom Meeuwsen, Mike Nephew, Randy Baumann,

Terry Rouwhorst and Cal Brandsen

Members Absent: None

- 1. Meeting called to order by Randy VanderZwaag at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on October 12, 2023 were read and approved.
- 3. No public comment was received.
- 4. Chief's report including trainings, purchases and personnel report was received.
- 5. New Truck purchase discussions
  - a. Board members Mike Nephew, Randy Baumann and Tom Meeuwsen will serve on the committee to purchase a new engine to replace Truck No. 222 which is 23 years old.
  - b. Pricing, availability and specifications will be sought for a new or used brush truck to replace Truck No. 282.
- Work on proposed budget for 2024/2025.
  - a. Adding \$45,100 for the purchase of 13 new sets of firefighter gear (coats and pants)
  - b. Firefighters wages were increased to \$26.75 per hour.
  - c. It was noted that we have 25 current members on the department. 23 firefighters and 2 in training.
- 7. The fire chief's review was favorably accepted by the board.
- 8. No round table discussion.
- 9. Next meeting date to be determined.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

**Terry Rouwhorst** 



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### Chief's Report

February 8, 2024

## **Training**

Tanden DeWitt and Andrew Scharphorn are currently attending the fire academy, which will run through May.

We are working on possibly hosting a MFR Class at our station, still working on the details; with our current medical officer Eric Daniels and Life EMAS as trainers.

The department has been granted a house to train in and eventually burn in early June in Olive Township.

#### **Purchases**

We had to purchase four new coupler fittings for the engines and the tanker that failed during hose testing.

We also purchased a new mannequin for medical training. Our old mannequin had well exceeded its life span. This new mannequin is capable of having live air sounds and pulses for training. It can also be used to train with the LUCAS tool.

Our new air compressor is up and running at full capacity to refill SCBA bottles.

## **Personnel Report**

No new applications currently.

Eric Heyboer was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain at the 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue station.

Steve Schoenborn was promoted from firefighter to Lieutenant at the 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue station.

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