

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Fire Board meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013 at 7:00 pm.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

John Grutsch – Mayor, City of Avon  
Eric Linn, Fire Chief AFD  
Gary Schmitz - Fire Department Treasurer  
Corey Nellis – Relief Assn. Treasurer  
Township  
Joel Richter – AFD  
Gary Laing - AFD  
Leroy Gondringer – Avon Township  
Richard Bresnahan – Avon Township

John Merdan – Avon Township  
Bill Farhney – Collegeville Township  
Bob Simon - Collegeville Township  
Craig Guggenberger – Collegeville  
Township  
Jim Thares, City Clerk/Administrator  
Kevin Korneck – AFD  
Chuck Swenson – AFD  
Chris Pflueger - AFD

AND THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: None

***Motion by Leroy Gondringer to approve the minutes of the February 2012 meeting.***

***Second John Grutsch***

***Motion Passed Unanimously***

Avon Fire Relief Association: Corey Nellis gave an update on the Relief Association's financial situation. Mr. Nellis indicated that there is a projected surplus of (\$34,007.54) for 2013. He said that several members may retire in 2015 leading to significant payouts. He also noted that the Donation Fund account is smaller than 2012 due to the expenditure of \$51,119.57 to purchase a new Rescue Unit. Treasurer Schmitz reviewed the proposed raises for each of the Fire Relief Association Officers for performance of their duties at their meetings.

***Motion by John Grutsch to approve the raises for Relief Association Officers as presented.***

***Second Bob Simon***

***Motion Passed Unanimously***

Fire Contract: Discussion on the new contract. City Clerk Thares stated that the contract was signed on February 15, 2012 and the language indicates an expiration date of June 1, 2013. Board members discussed the possibility of an automatic renewal annually unless there were major problems. Jurisdictions could give a notice to not renew and/or meet to discuss an issue. Status of the adequacy and state of the Fire Hall was reviewed by Fire Chief Linn. Leroy Gondringer indicated an interest in seeing a Joint Powers Board being formed at some point in the future.

***Motion by John Grutsch to have the current Fire Contract (Agreement to Provide Rural Fire Protection) roll over year-to-year effective on the June 1<sup>st</sup> date going forward.***

***Second Bob Simon***

***Motion Passed Unanimously***

Projects and Purchases: The group reviewed projects and purchases completed in 2012. City Clerk Thares gave an overview of the parking lot improvements. The cost for the 30 x 110 foot

area was \$9,662.13 and is proposed to be split between the City and Fire Department at \$4,831.06 each. This improvement should be added to the depreciation schedule in the future.

***Motion by Bob Simon to approve the Fire Department expending \$4,831.06 on parking lot improvements.***

***Second John Merdan***

***Motion Passed Unanimously***

- Painted Interior of Fire Hall, New Lockers and Parking Lot Improvements
- Replace Rescue Unit #5 with Rescue Unit #11 at a cost of \$51,119.57
- Received a donated gas meter to replace outdate one
- Replaced Thermal Imaging Camera

Future Projects 2013 and 2014:

Painting of Exterior of Building

Replace one of the two furnaces

Continue to plan for and save funds for a new building

Membership:

Membership remains at 25 fully trained and licensed as firefighters. Three members with 20+ years of service.

Discussion noting that it is best to train two or three new members together.

Fundraisers:

Spunk Days Raffle

Blattner Golf Outing (\$19,000 raised in 2012)

Calendar - raises \$3,500 for ad fees, another \$4,300 in donations due to the attached envelopes and message

These fund raisers are all very positive for the Avon Fire Department.

Future Plans:

- Maintain a 25 member department with required certification in:
  - FFI
  - FFII
  - HazMat Operations Level 1
  - Behind the Wheel Training
  - First Responder
  - CPR
  - Defibrillator & King Airway
- Continue fundraising efforts to support departmental purchases and needs
- Budget for worn out turnout gear
- New hires require 450 hours of training

Billing for Fire Calls: Discussion on billing/collection process including possible assessment to the property taxes.

***Motion by Richard Bresnahan to have the City Certify unpaid fire call bills when possible to property taxes – at the City’s discretion.***

***Second Bill Fahrney***

***Motion Passed Unanimously***

2012 Calls and Financial Report\*\* Gary Schmitz reviewed the report

There were 157 total calls in 2012 totaling 2023 hours.

Avon City = 42 calls (468 hours)

Collegetown Twp = 28 calls (336 hours)

Avon Twp = 60 calls (745 hours)

I-94 = 20 calls (268 hours)

Mutual Aid = 7 (206 hours)

Combined cost for fire and emergency call response during the 2012 calendar year was \$86,928.66 resulting in the following breakout for the 2014 bill:

Avon City                   \$33,276.29 (38.28%)

Avon Township           \$36,075.39 (41.50%)

Collegetown Twp       \$17,576.98 (20.22%)

Discussion on the donated funds and where they are deposited? Treasurer Schmitz indicated that they are placed into a separate fund under the Fire Relief Association to be used for capital equipment and departmental needs.

\*Attached reports were discussed in detail \*

Further discussion on the level of interest in a Joint Powers Board; consensus that this is an involved process and takes considerable amount of discussion and review.

**Adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by motion of John Grutsch, seconded by John Merdan.**

**Motion Approved.**

Respectfully submitted

Jim Thares, City Clerk/Administrator