

**LODI AREA FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE COMMISSION
Minutes**

MEETING DATE & TIME: Wednesday, July 12th, 2017 5:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: Lodi Fire Station, 115 N. Main St. Lodi, WI 53555

1. **Call meeting to order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called order at 6:00 PM by President Doug Nelson. All members present with the exception of Matt Davies.

2. **Public Input ***

None

Discussion, review and possible action on the following:

3. **Elections**

- A. President
- B. Secretary
- C. Treasurer

Brooks/Bilke Motion to table elections to next meeting for all members to be present.

4. **Quick Books and Bank Account Access**

This was handled at Junes meeting.

5. **Treasurer:**

- A. Financials reports
- B. Payment of bills –

Cable/Brooks Motion to pay checks 5506 – 5513 and 111

Chief Annen, we are on target budget wise.

We have received the 2% money disbursement from the City of Lodi which was \$10,500, we haven't received yet from the Town of Lodi \$16,500 and West Point \$12,000. April with the Town of Lodi says they have the check but she's waiting for the chairmen to sign it and then it will be on its way. We are waiting for West Point.

6. **Secretary:**

- A. Meeting Minutes
 - A1. June 14th, 2017

Cable/Bilke Motion to approve.

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7. Fire Chief Reports:

(a) SCBA updates

No new news on the grant other than we haven't been denied yet.

Chief Annen, the old air compressor has broken. A new compressor cost for replacement is \$47,500.00

The old compressor has a life expectancy of about 20 years and it is 15 years old. Fixing the machine will be around \$2000.0 and there is no guarantee that it will run long after the repairs are complete. The maintenance guy said it is not worth fixing the machine because of the age. We have had bids from other companies and they have been cheaper than this but this is a better machine.

Brooks average life span is 20 and we've gotten 15, that is close but could be better. Chief Annen, other agencies are getting less than 10 years but there busier than us.

Chief Annen, we've been repairing the machine but it gets fixed and 3 days later its broke and that's the way it's been with this machine. It's been unreliable. The last year and a half and it's been out of service many times. Brooks – Can the machine introduce harmful contaminants into the tank. Chief Annen, yes and that's another reason to go with a new machine. With a machine this old its certainly a possibility of putting in contaminants and machine being this old, it's not worth it. Brooks, the compressor your looking at now will it work with the the SCBA's your looking at? Chief Annen, yes.

(b) Building updates

- *2 contractors will be coming to look at roof.*
- *Meade's and another for a quote for front pad*
- *Looking at replacing carpet and paint the blocks inside the bays.*
- *\$40.00 an hour for putting lights in on building from Steve Collier.*

(c) Fire call report(s)

Town of Lodi

#61 July 5th Wires down Bilke Rd

#63 July 10th CO2 Alarm on Dalton Rd. Bad Water Heater

City of Lodi

#60 June 19 Fire Alarm at ALKAR

#62 July 10th Signal car crash

Town of West Point

None this year

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(d) Other status report(s)

Have 36 members now.

Hosting an entry level Firefighter class

Handed an application to our 37 person who is already trained.

Chief Annen, this is bringing us to a point where we have our 36 members which is what the department allows, I don't want to be turning people away but we are there. We don't have enough space in our current fire department. Brooks - Affiliates should not take up a spot. Annen - But they take up gear and a locker space which we no longer have because our fire department is to small. Annen and Lehr - We will be talking to people that are not necessarily doing their part. Chief Annen, one affiliate uses another agencies equipment Annen - We have to start turning people away and that's not right. I will start keeping my stuff in my car and others as well but it's NOT safe or a good way to do our business.

(e) Upcoming event(s)

- *National night out August 1st. elementary school – med flight*
- *Aug 10 Corn boil*
- *Aug 18 – 19 MDA Fill the boot.*
- *November Raffle*
- *Suzy the duck parade*
- *2nd week aug Demo*

(f) Other issues the Fire Chief wishes to bring to the attention of the Fire Commission **

(f) Other questions from Commission members **

Brooks - What does Hartman Farms do for training with grain bins regarding a person being trapped? He lets us come out there and practice, we did a rope training and he's made donations. Along with this he has rescue equipment and his employees are trained for rescue situations

Annen - I had a visit from Mayor Ness a couple weeks ago regarding complaints from local business regarding our fire inspector. I went to a business to speak about complaint. It's not the first complaint, the complaints I'm getting now are beyond unprofessional. He's been rude and treating people like garbage. The sources are reputable. Some of the statements have been, I should just condemn your business and he didn't leave any paperwork behind regarding the problem. Arlington Fire has not had any complaints with person though. I usually get a dozen or so but this person also denied giving a business his credentials as an inspector and that's not right. The owner told him to get out of his business. Of the 225 business, he wrote up 180 businesses for infractions. A lot of these things are very minor. The Mayor would like to see fire inspections done in house. We don't have the man power or the people to do it and that's why we hire out this service.

I have a meeting with the inspector himself and the owner of the company.

9. Adjourn

Brooks/Cable Motion to adjourn

Minutes Prepared by:

Town of Lodi Supervisor I

James P. Brooks