

Blendon Township
Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 3:30 pm by Chairman Glenn Overweg.
2. **Roll Call:** PRESENT: Glenn Overweg, Chairman
Dave Postma
Greg Golembiewski, Board Liaison
ABSENT: Paul Blauwkamp
3. **Also Attending:**
 - a. Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
 - b. Sean Miller, Deputy Chief
4. **Motion to approve the agenda** was made by Dave Postma, support by Greg Golembiewski.
Motion Carried
5. **Motion to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2021, meeting** was made by Dave Postma, support by Greg Golembiewski.
Motion Carried
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Election of Officers**
 - o Motion to table the election of officers until the July meeting was made by Dave Postma, support by Greg Golembiewski
Motion Carried
 - b. **Appointment**
 - o Twp Board needs to appoint one member to the Emergency Service Board
 - o An applicant will be recommended to the board
 - c. **2022 Year-End Report**
 - o Deputy Chief, Sean Miller gave a report
 - o There were 387 calls last year
 - d. **Review of Accomplishments**
 - o Officer staff restructure
 - Tom Haveman was moved to station 2
 - Sean Miller is Deputy Chief
 - o Change in turnout gear Mfg.
 - Switch from Lion to Clobe
 - o Implementation of Chief Mobile 360
 - Working towards one app
 - Monitor is in route
 - o SCBA replacement
 - Awarded the AFG Grant to help purchase SCBAs
 - Grant does not cover the full amount of costs
 - Township will cover the remainder which will be \$82,000
 - o Station 1 floor
 - Entire floor will be redone starting on May 15, 2023

- Replacement of office chairs
 - waiting for 6 more chairs
- Firefighter appreciation dinner
- New training requirements
 - New certification
 - 12 credits per year for 3 years
- e. **Updates Since Last Meeting**
 - Christmas blizzard caused problems with the vehicles
 - Damage to 2162 at training
 - Investment of Fire Department funds
- f. **Updates on Upcoming Expenditures**
 - New engine in 2025/2026
- g. **Station Maintenance Items**
 - Our budget/Twp. Budget
 - potential takeover of the community center
 - both fire stations need paint- interior/exterior
 - need to plan on roof over apparatus bays for both stations
 - restrooms for women
- h. **Items for the future**
 - Vector solutions
 - Training online
 - Donation of old gear/SCBAs
 - Rotation of pickups
 - Should we do it frequently for resale purposes?
 - Grants for camera systems & training facility
 - Involvement of firefighters
 - Football standby
 - Pool fills
 - Open houses – Twp., churches, etc.
 - School PR
 - Fire preventions
 - parades
- i. **Personnel**
 - Currently have 33 employees
- j. **Call Volumes**
 - High calls at station 1
- k. **Additional Work**
 - Inspections
 - Training/Onboarding new firefighters
 - Training prep
 - Knoxbox updates
 - Minor station maintenance and cleaning
 - Coverage for the chief when out of office
 - Minor truck maintenance
 - Grants

7. Old Business

- None

8. Opportunity for Public Comment

- None

9. Round Table Discussion

- a. Firefighter life insurance

10. Correspondence

- a. None

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

- a. Wednesday, July 12, 2023

12. Motion to adjourn at 4:45 pm was made by Dave Postma, support by Greg Golembiewski

Motion Carried

Submitted by Glenn Overweg, Chairman

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