Minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2024

W. Minner opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with the flag salute.

W. Minner read the Sunshine Law and stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by advertising it in the Courier Post.

George Genzel from Chews Fire Co. talked to us again about anything we can do to help them out.

Roll Call: G. Emmett, P. Knast, W. Minner, J. Atkinson, E. Steiner

Motion made by G. Emmett seconded by E. Steiner to accept minutes of the last meeting.

APPROVED

Outgoing Communication: E. Steiner states that he emailed George Allen from the State who is doing our reviews of the budget (he has been trying to contact us in December). We were missing our individual email addresses, FEMA grant info, policy of the stipend program, CNC3 and missing a date. Eric sent all info needed.

<u>Incoming Communication:</u> Eric has vehicle registrations for Chief. Received email for first workers compensation (they need 2 contacts) E. Steiner and W. Minner will do that.

Discussion about ballots and the question on the ballot and how it should be worded and inform voters about the fire tax and how little it will cost them.

Solicitors Report: D. Carlamere has nothing to report.

<u>Fire Chiefs Report</u>: On File.

Fire Officials Report: On File.

<u>Insurance Report</u>: W. Minner talked with Rick Bean and our total amount of liability has increased about \$4,000.00 and the insurance went up 12%.

<u>Deferred Business</u>: None

New Business:

W. Minner has put in the paper all of our 2024 meetings and posted them of our meeting room.

APPROVED

G. Emmett reports that he went over the 2024 budget with our accountant (set up on the computer), gave him all of the 1099 info.

Motion made by E. Steiner seconded by J. Atkinson to purchase 8 2024 desk top calendars at a cost of \$69.92.

APPROVED

Motion made by E. Steiner to adopt the resolution for the 2024 budget (\$600,757.33 which includes the amount to be raised by taxation on \$442,600.00) seconded by W. Winner.

Roll-Call Vote: W. Minner yes, E. Steiner yes, G. Emmett yes, J. Atkinson yes, P. Knast yes

Motion mad by E. Steiner seconded by W. Minner to spend \$80.00 for plug ins for our computer.

APPROVED

Motion made by W. Minner seconded by G. Emmett to appoint Crystal Steiner as our Office Manager (\$4,000.00 per yr.) effective January 9, 2024.

Roll-Call Vote: W. Minner yes, E. Steiner yes, G. Emmett yes, J. Atkinson yes, P. Knast yes

Motion made by W. Minner seconded by E. Steiner to extend the Chief term until reorganization in March.

Roll-Call Vote: W. Minner yes, E. Steiner yes, G. Emmett yes, J. Atkinson yes, P. Knast yes

Discussion on Officer positions in Fire Co. and uniform allowance will be discussed again in March.

<u>Treasurers Report</u>: On File

Motion made by J. Atkinson seconded by E. Steiner to pay the bills of the evening in the amount of \$30,246.15

APPROVED

Public Request: None

Motion made P. Knast seconded by E. Steiner to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED

Respectfully Submitted

John Atkinson Jr. Clerk Board of Fire Commissioners