

ACW Unionville Fire Department

Regular Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Columbia Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson, Steve Linzner

Present:

Akron Twp.: Steve Linzner, Carrie Hines
Columbia Twp.: Kathy Trischler, Chris Creguer
Wisner Twp.: Annette Rieck, Tim Rumble
Unionville Village: Dave VanHove, John Katnik, (standing in for Vickie Trout-Balzer)
Treasurer, Leila Rish

Absent: Vickie Trout-Balzer

Others presence: Fire Chief Nick Sakon, Assistant Chief Tom Koepf, and Captain Adam Linzner(7:42), Wisner Board member, Pam Shook, Insurance agent Ken Lind, Akron Fire Department: Marvin Hasso, Nick Sweetman, Chris Carland, Scott Schember, and Akron, Police Chief Matt Simerson.

A Motion by Rumble, 2nd by Creguer to approve the presented minutes of February 5, 2021 with corrections. 8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

New Tanker is delayed arrival due to covid-19 pandemic. Sale of the old tanker delayed till arrival.

A Motion was made by Creguer 2nd, by VanHove to have Kathy Trischler and Nick Sakon to be signers on the financing for the 2004 Central State/Freightliner Tanker Truck. 8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

A Motion was made by VanHove, 2nd by Rieck for Option 1 financing for \$80,000.00 with down payment of \$25,000 and financing of \$55,000.00 for 4 years for the 2004 Central State/Freightliner Tanker Truck. 8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

Bills, Statement of Accounts, Profit-Loss Budget vs. Actual and Accounts Receivable were reviewed.

Fireman's Report:

YTD we are at 18 Runs
YTD for same time period in 2020 we were at 10 Runs
We are averaging 9.60 firefighters per call
Our Payroll as of 4/30/2021 is \$8,511.95
Last Year at this time we were at \$7,280.07
2021 Payroll is Projecting to End at \$25,535.76
We have had 8 department meetings and average 15.25 firefighters per meeting.

Staffing Updates since last board meeting:

Bob Menominee Retired from the Auxiliary Roster.
Hired a new Auxiliary Firefighter Thomas Reese.
Hired an Active Firefighter (trained) Bill Glaab Jr. Bill comes to us trained from Tawas.
Hire an Active Firefighter (trained) Kaleb Ortner from Bay County.
Aux. Firefighter Jon Ramirez successfully passed his FF1 and 2 Academy and has been placed on the active roster with a 12 month probation.

COVID-19 Updates:

Since our last meeting we have had several firefighters out of service as they have tested positive or had a household member test positive for Covid-19. We are following more stringent than health department guidelines to ensure we have limited interruptions.

We currently do not have anyone out on COVID-19 leave.

We are using hybrid Zoom/In Person meeting to lower the risk of exposure and adapt to those who may be unable to attend in person as needed.

We are still following our COVID-19 policy and ensuring everyone is wearing proper ppe, completing health surveys, and disinfecting all equipment and trucks after each use. All employees have completed the mandatory COVID-19 training as required by MIOSHA.

Fire Explorer Program is a hands on program open to young men and women ages 14-18 years old with an interest in learning more about the fire department operations. – 6 High schoolers are interested.

Motion by Katnik, 2nd by Hines to approve the Fire Fighter Explorer program to start on May 15th.

8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

Wisner Township requested to add the rest of their sections to our department. Discussion was made from guest at the meeting of all the concerns. A Motion was made by Rumble, 2nd by Rieck to move 6 additional sections of the township of Wisner to ACW Unionville Fire Department. 2 yeas and 6 nays. Motion failed until more information is presented to the board.

2021-2022 Board officers

A motion was made by Rieck, 2nd by VanHove to appoint Chris Creguer as Chairperson.

8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hines, 2nd by VanHove to appoint Steve Linzner and Vice Chair.

8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

A Motion was made by VanHove, 2nd by Hines to have Kathy Trischler and Leila Rish to continue as Clerk and Treasurer. 8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

A Motion was made by VanHove, 2nd by Creguer to have John Katnick to be Secretary upon approval of the Village of Unionville's appointment to the Fire Board. 8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

A motion was made by VanHove, 2nd by Linzner to appoint Nick Sakon as Fire chief for an addition 2 year term. 8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

2021-2022 Fire Board Officers

- Chairperson- Chris Creguer
- Vice Chair - Steve Linzner
- Clerk- Kathy Trischler
- Secretary - John Katnik
- Treasurer - Leila Rish
- Fire Chief – Nick Sakon (2 year term)

Motion to adjourn by Linzner, 2nd by Creguer at 8:35 p.m. 8 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Trischler, Clerk
ACW-Unionville Fire Board