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HARTFORD FIRE BOARD MEETING 07-08-24

Reported by City Representative Eric Germinder (**NOT** official meeting minutes).

Started off with the Organizational Meeting for 2024-2025 fiscal year. Voted in were:

Fire Board Chairperson: Ron Sefcik

Fire Board Vice-Chairperson: Chad Hunt

Fire Board Secretary: Jerry Birmele

Fire Board Treasurer: Carlos Ledesma

Personnel Committee: Ron Sefcik & Chad Hunt

Membership Review Committee: Ron Sefcik (to serve with Assistant Chief Kevin McGrew & 1 Firefighter)

Compensation Committee: Ron Sefcik & Carlos Ledesma (to serve with Chief Rob Harting & Assistant Chief Kevin McGrew)

Budget Review Committee: Chad Hunt & Carlos Ledesma (to serve with Chief Rob Harting, Assistant Chief Kevin McGrew, and Finance Manager)

Policy Review Committee: Chad Hunt & Eric Germinder (to serve with Assistant Chief Kevin McGrew & 2 Firefighters)

Ended the Organizational Meeting

Finance Manager Peter Stanslawski presented updated Revenue & Expenditure Report & Invoice Register.

Approved a donation from the Jordan Joint Trust of >\$55,000. To be placed in the Donation Account.

Approved Accounts Payable in the amount of \$33,868.63.

Approved entering into an agreement with Fire Recovery USA for cost recovery services. Fire Recovery will keep 22% of all monies they recover. This will ease the burden and hassle that Assistant Chief McGrew has been enduring. In a nutshell, if a resident has their insurance billed for services and insurance doesn't pay, they will not issue the bill to the resident (Hartford City & Township). However, if a non-resident's insurance does not pay, Fire Recovery USA will attempt to collect from the non-resident.

Approved Resolution #24-02, Establishing and Implementing a Program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the Hartford Fire Department.

Approved a motion to purchase a Levova IdeaCentre 1 Gen 9 Business All-in-One 27" computer station for use by the Chief not to exceed \$1600.

Discussed and tabled the purchase of a new boat motor for the rescue boat. Assistant Chief McGrew is going to research several options and return to the Board with more definite numbers.

Discussed and tabled the purchase of new fire hose. With the newly purchased nozzles for 1831 & 1871, it makes sense to use the newer technology that also exists with the hoses. A purchase price of ~\$8,200 to outfit 1831 & 1871 could be offset by \$1800 to resell existing fire hoses. Additionally, the new hoses will already be pressure tested and would not need to be tested again for a year.

Chief Harting reported that the Ladder Truck required maintenance that cost \$2043.

Also he reported that the department is ready to support the Van Buren County Youth Fair next week.

Assistant Chief McGrew reported that the Training/Meeting Room had a new air conditioner installed.

The fire department has removed their equipment from the Jeep, and it is ready to be returned to the DNR.

He has been working on the FlowMSP software (fire pre-plans).

He attended a presentation on the newer technology fire hose.

He reported the annual fire hose testing has been completed.

The storm a couple of weeks ago knocked down the antenna on the station roof. They have a temporary antenna installed until the existing one can be repaired.

The skid unit for the grass rig has been delivered.

Grass Rig 1869 is being inspected for its undercarriage. He expects to have a couple more quotes by the next meeting.