

March 15, 2018

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
NEW HAVEN/ADAMS TOWNSHIP FIRE/EMS GOVERNING BODY

The regular meeting of the New Haven/Adams Township Fire/ Emergency Medical Services Governing Body was called to order on March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Terry McDonald who presided.

Present: Terry McDonald, Terry Werling, Bob Byrd, Brian Yoh  
Absent: Rick Kaylor

Title VI Statement

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting. Brian Yoh seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

First item on the agenda was a Proposal to Purchase Fire Gear. Chief Josh Hale presented three quotes. MES-Morning Pride for \$2,215.57 per set, Hoosier Fire for \$2,518.00, and Nowak Supply for \$3,239.74. Chief Hale asked for approval to use funds from the Cumulative Fund to purchase approximately 36 sets of fire bunker gear or not to exceed \$79,900.00. Brian Yoh asked if Fort Wayne had any open bids we could jump on. Chief Hale said yes, that is the quote from Hoosier Fire. The only quote that had everything the Department wanted is MES-Morning Pride and is also the cheapest. Bryan Yoder said two major changes were made to the gear. One was Kevlar being used on the inside of the pockets and the other was the outer shell material. Bob Byrd mentioned an article he read regarding smoke in the jackets leading to cancers in the future and asked if the new material can be washed more often. Chief Hale said the three most important things they can do is wear the air packs as often as possible, perform a light decontamination at the fire scene, and wash the gear often. Also, an annual physical would help prevent some of those things. Mayor McDonald asked if we purchase 36 sets now and 8 more sets annually starting in 2019, would this get us caught up. Chief Hale said yes, that would enable us to maintain and not get in a position where we have to purchase 20 sets at a time. Terry Werling wanted to make sure that the gear not being replaced this year was still within the age limits and Chief Hale said yes. Terry Werling made a motion to approve the purchase of 36 sets of fire gear not to exceed \$79,900.00 from MES-Morning Pride. Bob Byrd seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Division Chief of EMS Bob Atkinson told the Board truck 13 will be back in service tomorrow. The Power loads will be delivered to Crossroads in Middlebury on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and installed the following week. Brian Yoh asked if the techs could come here to install instead of driving three ambulances up there. Bob will ask.

Next on the agenda were station reports. Assistant Chief Dave Sztuk of Station #3 gave the Board his February report. He highlighted the Leadership Training held on February 24 and 25. Assistant Chief Garry Marquardt from Station #2 gave his reports. Chief Hale presented the Station #1 reports. A donation was received of Emergency Exit signs which have been replaced at the station.

Ray Easterly talked about the Fire Muster. The first meeting had 17 people attend compared to 6 last year. They are in the process of getting sponsors and already have 4 or 5 trucks committed.

Brian Yoh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Byrd seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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Renee Lyons, Deputy Clerk