

Fire District Minutes
January 5, 2010

Present: Pape, Stoeberl, Page, Johnson, Miller, Chief Fredrick (ex officio), members of the public, the Ripon Channel
Absent: Brockman, Luker

The meeting was called to order by President Pape at 7:05 p.m.

1. The secretary's report was distributed by email and in paper form at the meeting. Motion (Johnson/Stoeberl) to approve the minutes as distributed passes 5-0.
2. The treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting. Pape reported that Mashack is back in the office part-time. A few minor line-item questions were asked. The budget year is at 100% and we have expenditures of 97.77 as of this budget report but not all invoices are in for 2009. However, Pape reported that he anticipates staying within the budget when all numbers come in. Johnson asked why the income was higher than anticipated and if the numbers are truly reflective of an increased overall income or some type of accounting notation. Johnson requested some type of a cash report from Mashack to see what the actual funds are. There is also a net higher amount of expenditures for the capital projects fund. The Board would like clarification on the difference; perhaps the remainder from the Novak expenditures? Johnson asked about utility costs and why the number was substantially less than last year. Pape noted that there are substantial gas credits on city bills this year and that may change for next year. Motion (Stoeberl/Miller) to approve the treasurer's report as distributed passes 5-0.
3. Under communications, Stoeberl noted that he met with a contact from the Red Cross, and that Red Cross personnel reviewed the fire station as a potential shelter in the event of a natural disaster. Stoeberl noted that the Red Cross may present a formal request at a future Board meeting for such designation. Johnson asked if, as reported in the newspaper, that fire personnel were used in the creation of the skating rink, and the Chief noted that some equipment was borrowed, but that personnel were not used, and no expenses were incurred. Miller noted that the timeframe for making the decision was tight. Pape noted that the Ripon Common Council authorized funds if any costs would have been incurred for the fire department's additional involvement.
4. The Chief's report was distributed at the meeting. Johnson asked about the rescue truck and if it were in service. The Chief noted that delivery was taken around the beginning of December and that the firemen are still working on the rescue truck. The Chief indicated that the rescue truck will be in service by Jan. 15 and that the firefighters will train on it Jan. 18. Stoeberl asked about mutual aid and why we received more mutual aid than we provided. The Board recognized that it was likely grass fires. Motion (Stoeberl/Page) to approve the Chief's report as distributed passes 5-0.

5. No updated information on aerial ladder information gathering.
6. Pape noted that the by-laws are being discussed with Sorenson and the town attorney. Stoeberl asked about Article 11, Section B: two sentences are contradictory “with regard to or request for attachment...contiguous with fire department... in no case shall it be contiguous with areas” or perhaps it was a typo?
7. No future agenda items currently known.
8. Motion (Miller/Stoeberl) to adjourn to Closed Session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” re: continued performance goal setting for fire chief passes 5-0. The Board went into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deano Pape (for Joel Brockman)
Board President