

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Fire Board meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 at 7:00 pm.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

Rick Thompson – Collegeville Township	Jodi Austing-Traut – Avon City Clerk/Administrator
Bob Simon – Collegeville Township	Joel Richter – Avon Fire Chief
Gary Schmitz – Avon Fire Department	Corey Nellis – Relief Association
Craig Guggenberger – Collegeville Township	Carl Verdon – Avon Fire Department

Minutes were reviewed. No changes or additions were noted.

***Motion to approve minutes Guggenberger, second Thompson and carried unanimously.***

Avon Fire Relief Association Corey Nellis gave an update on the Relief Association's financial status. Looking forward a \$94,000 surplus is expected at the end of 2020 if the yearly benefit amount were to remain at the current \$2,200 level. Relief Association Treasurer Corey Nellis made a request to consider an increase in the yearly benefit to \$2,400. This would not impact the annual contribution amount from each entity. Bob Simon suggested that when the contribution was increased to \$3,500 a number of years ago, it was his understanding that it would be temporary, and that once the fund was "caught up", the additional contribution would be discontinued and brought back to previous contribution levels. Corey Nellis explained his belief that as call volumes and demands of the job continue to rise it will be increasingly difficult to attract firefighters to the department.

***Motion Bob Simon to increase the annual benefit amount from \$2,200 to \$2,400 second Craig Guggenberger and carried unanimously.***

Current Contract

Collegeville requested to have their second half payment due date bumped to December.

Purchases in 2019

Total Capital Expenditures were \$444,517 in 2019. These funds were spent on equipment including a 2019 Pumper/Tanker (which replaced Unit #10), a turnout gear dryer, back pack blowers, and a portable radio.

Projects and Purchases for 2020

Gary Schmitz expressed the need for an expansion to the fire hall and the likely need for several equipment purchases, which have not yet been solidified. Chief Richter explained that at this point the Fire Department is considering an addition to the existing fire hall in order to save cost and still meet the needs of the growing department. Wells Concrete has provided some very favorable preliminary cost estimates based on a rough sketch. Fire Department is still in the early stages of planning and information gathering stage of the process. Fire Board will be kept informed as the department continues to identify their needs and research their options.

Membership

Currently there are 27 fully trained members, however, one member will be moving out of state in the next 30 days and will be relieved of his duties. Target membership is 25 members, so at this time there will not be a hiring process.

Fundraisers Planned

Spunk Days Raffle (average of \$9,000 per year)  
Golf Outing (average of \$20,000 per year)  
Calendar Ads (average of \$7,500 per year)

Billing for Fire Calls

Approximately \$15,550 was collected in 2019, however around \$4,500 of that was attributable to damaged turn-out gear and equipment that needed to be replaced from specific response related incidents.

2020 FEMA Grant

Request will be for pagers and 800 mhz radios. Chief Richter will look into the threshold for a micro-grant to try to increase the department's chances of obtaining grant dollars.

2019 Calls and Financial Report

There were 226 total calls in 2019 totaling 3012 hours.

Avon City = 92 calls (1152 hours)

Collegeville Twp = 28 calls (435 hours)

Avon Twp = 83 calls (1107 hours)

I-94 = 20 calls (325 hours)

Mutual Aid = 5 calls (83 hours)

Fire Department General Expenses for 2019 were \$140,730

Avon City                 \$54,237 (38.54%)

Avon Twp                 \$56,799 (40.36%)

Collegeville Twp       \$29,694 (21.10%)

Final entity contract bills for 2020:

City of Avon             \$60,792

Avon Twp                \$72,450

Collegeville Twp       \$43,830

\*Full reports are available in City Clerk's office\*

*Adjourned at 8:30 pm by motion of Thompson, second Guggenberger.*

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk/Administrator