

Village of Ephraim
Community Protection Committee Minutes
March 4, 2010

Present: Niles Weborg, Keith Krist, Tad Dukehart, Mike McCutcheon, and Jane Olson.

Absent: George Reynolds

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as posted.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Oct. 8 and Feb. 4 meetings were approved as written.

Visitors: Assistant Fire Chief Justin McDonald and Fire Fighters Mike Meyer and Scott Weborg were in attendance.

Informational Fire District Report: John Cox and Jane Olson attended the Liberty Grove informational meeting to discuss whether there is a need to form a Northern Door Fire District. Those in attendance felt that there wasn't a need at this time to form a fire district but most of the towns, villages, or townships had concerns about maintaining adequate manpower levels in all of the communities. The group felt strongly that we needed to hear how all of the Fire Chiefs feel about this topic as well as the fire fighters before any further discussions should be held. The group did feel that cooperative groups like Mid Door should be encouraged and enhanced if possible.

Jane asked the committee if they could foresee any problems with her sending out a survey to all of the fire fighters. The survey will not be used to evaluate anyone or the department. It is designed to discover the perspective of our fire fighters about their department. All surveys will be anonymous and the responses confidential. She would divide the survey into five categories: equipment, training, budget, pay/incentives, and manpower. Jane's intent is to compile the results and share the data with the CPC Committee. Niles had no problem with the idea of the survey. The committee agreed to have Jane prepare a survey and share it at the May 11th CPC meeting.

Appointment of the Fire Truck Committee: It was moved by Tad Dukehart and seconded by Jane Olson that Justin McDonald, Mike Meyer, Mike McCutcheon, Paul Pillet, and Chief Weborg should be appointed to the Fire Truck Selection Committee. The motion carried with all ayes. Niles reported that Chris Hecht has agreed to serve as a resource person for the group. Jane informed the committee that she would like to attend as many of their meetings as she can. She requested that the committee keep her informed as to upcoming meeting dates.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Weborg reported the following:

1. He received a letter from Walter Hellyer about their discussion at a recent fire.
2. He received an invitation from Sea Grave Fire Apparatus, LLC. The department was invited to their Mar. 15th Vendor Expo at the 12th Street Clintonville Fire Station from 12-5pm.

3. He reported that they made a water rescue call for snowmobilers through the ice at Adventure island.

4. The fire fighters will have fitness testing for air breathing masks on March 4 at the Fire Station.

Old Business:

1. The AC unit that was to be purchased for the fire station meeting room has been put on hold.

2. We are waiting for a new computer to be ordered for the fire station. The printer is already in use.

New Business:

1. Rationale for possible Fire Station addition:

- a. There is no wiggle room in the bays with the current equipment.
- b. Little appropriate storage for the expensive equipment like radios and pagers, etc..
- c. Fire fighters need a room large enough for their meetings and for the Mid Door meetings as well.
- d. The new truck will require a longer bay than we have available with all the current equipment.
- e. **Is there a law that requires each village to have a space equipped with a generator that can be available for use as a shelter in case of village emergencies?** (Jane will check this out with Charity.)

2. **Brain Storming for possible station addition:** It was moved by Tad Dukehart and seconded by Mike McCutcheon that we investigate with the Village Board as to how they wish to proceed with the addition for the fire station. The motion carried with all eyes. Jane will forward this request to the Board.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment: The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 11, 2010 at 4:45 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Olson
Recording Secretary
Community Protection Committee Chair
Member of the Village Board of Trustees