

Minutes of the Fire Board Meeting Oct 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fire Board President, Larry Reifschneider at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Larry Reifschneider, John Harner, Bob Getz, Susan Newcomer, Dave Wolf
In place of Chief Klug: Jeff Gaul
Audience: Doug DeBest

Minutes of last meeting distributed and read by Secretary Susan Newcomer.

Motion to approve the minutes made by John Harner, seconded by Bob Getz. **Vote:** all yes, motion carried.

Old Business

1. Purchase mikes for hand held radios

- Doug Debest showed a 15 minutes video regarding safety and communication during a fire incident in PA in 1988 where 5 firemen were killed because of poor communication. Doug then showed us where the hand held radio is carried in our firemen's coats and how difficult it is to hear them, especially with a helmet on. That if an order to evacuate building was issued, it might not be heard by some of the firemen. The mike is permanent, water resistant, that clips on to the collar. There are 2 models, the cheaper model is not as water resistant and not as sturdy.
- Upon discussion by board, it was decided overwhelmingly that these needed to be purchased for the safety of our firemen. This is a need, and not a want.
- John Harner motioned to give Chief Larry Klug permission to purchase the better mikes for the hand held radios before the next meeting, and to call one of the board members with the price. Seconded by Susan Newcomer. **Vote:** all yes, motion carried.

2. Firemen Physicals

- Larry to get a list of all the men who haven't gotten their physicals, find out what times will work for them, and get the information to Susan.

3. Christmas Dinner

- Since no money is to be used from the fire fund, the firemen will decide how to do the food. Pot luck was discussed.

New Business

1. Firemen

- Lost Ryan Kolberg, who moved to Niles
- Gained 2 new firemen:
 1. Christian Nitz (Todd Nitz's son)—in classes through the vocational schools
 2. Richard Kletchman—in classes through fire dept

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 13th, 2010

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dave Wolf, seconded by Bob Getz. **Vote:** all yes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 7:43pm.