

## WESTFIELD FIRE/RESCUE ADVISORY BOARD

January 28, 2011

7:00 pm

Pat Edington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call: Pat Edington, Terry Bittner, Ronald Oiler and Heather Sturdevant.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Pat nominated Heather as chairperson, seconded by Ron. Rick Robbs suggested that an elected official should be the chairperson not a resident. After discussion Pat withdrew her nomination.

Ron nominated Pat to serve as chairperson, seconded by Heather. Unanimous

Ron nominated Heather as vice chairperson, seconded by Pat. Heather accepted. Unanimous

### RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Kevin Rych reported:

- Association purchased carpet, TV, chargers, headsets, and flashlights for the department. They spend approximately \$5-6,000. He noted that they always have a discussion and clearance with the chief.

### MINUTES

Ron made a motion to accept the December 2, 2010 minutes as presented, seconded by Heather.

Vote: 3 ayes; Terry Bittner abstained as he was not a part of the committee at that time.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Martha presented an update (copy attached) and the chief is still working on the budget for 2011.

### CHIEF'S REPORT

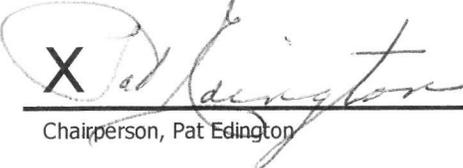
- There is a copy of his report attached.
- The one item that was a cause of concern was the number of mutual aid runs to Lodi. It was pointed out that the village had 53 runs this year while Mutual Aid to Lodi was 49. Kevin suggested this be an item for the two Mayors. Pat will pass along this information to Tom.
- A county wide program of handing out Life Pouches is underway. Chief has about 300. This may be an item we can present to residents when campaigning for the fire levy. This pouch should have medical and medication information in it and placed on the refrigerator. This assists the life support team with valuable information especially if the patient can't recall or is unable to respond to their questions.
- Chief is pursuing a loan for a new squad. Interest free for 8-10 years. A minimum of 5% is required. Chief was looking for possibly 40% to put down.
- Pat had a concern if the school would have a levy also in May it looks rather doubtful that a fire levy would pass.

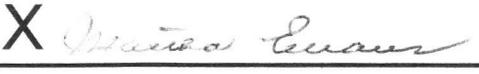
- There is a grant out that possibly the air truck could be replaced and a trailer to haul the air equipment.
- Drug license for 2010 had not been sent. We will not have to pay for it again. It will be sent so Life Force can bill Medicare and Medicaid. The outstanding bills for Medicare and Medicaid are about \$8,000.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The function of the fire/rescue advisory board as outlined in the fire contract. The chief likes the focus this committee gives the fire department. It was decided to meet on the even months unless there is something that needs immediate attention. The next meeting will be February 24, 2011 @ 7:00 pm.
2. Gatchell Resources was suggested by the chief to write an AFG FEMA GRANT in the spring.
3. A discussion concerning a possible 10 yr no interest loan to purchase a squad in 2012. The application was sent in but at any time we could pull the application. The loan will not be available until the latter part of 2011 with the funds released in 2012.
4. V.F.F.D.F. BOARD: Ronald Oiler, Township Trustee, Pat Edington, village council will be secretary, Kevin Rych and Kim Craig, department volunteers, Richard Fletcher, Fire Chief will be Chairman.

There being no further business to come before the board, Pat declared meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Chairperson, Pat Edington

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Sec., Martha Evans