

SOMERSET FIRE/RESCUE COMMISSION
Minutes of the April 24, 2006 Meeting

Call to Order: Chairperson Roy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present - Shane Demulling, Rita Lawson, Gerry Mullenberg, Bartt Palmer, Tom Roy, and Fire Chief Bruno Reed.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion by Demulling, second by Palmer to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2006 meeting.

Financial Report – 1st Quarter 2006: Members reviewed the March 2006 checking account detail and the first quarter budget update.

Public Input: None.

Old Business

Grants – waiting for response to applications.

Fire/Rescue Commission Bylaws – Commission members decided to recommend to the Village and Town boards at the joint meeting the following changes to their respective Fire/Rescue Commission ordinances: 1) commission to appoint the chief and assistant chief for two years terms subject to suspension or removal pursuant to law, 2) commission to confirm the Fire/Rescue Department's appointment of captain(s) to hold office during satisfactory performance, subject to suspension or removal pursuant to law, 3) commission to consist of 6 members, 1 board member from the Village and 2 citizens at large and from the town 1 board member and 2 citizens at large, 4) offer the boards the option of 3 or 4 members constituting a quorum.. *Motion by Mullenberg, second by Demulling to table discussing the remainder of the ordinance.*

New office – Reed reported the bids had come in too high so the project is on hold. The Town Board will rebid this in the fall.

Bill insurance companies for fires –Reed presented the proposed ordinance from St. Croix Falls. Discussion of this and other area communities' policies. Commission will ask to have this on the agenda for the next joint meeting.

New Business

Fire Chief Report – Chief Reed reported there had been 71 alarms so far this year. First quarter payroll was paid when the department received the second quarter payments from the Town and Village. The old compressor was sold to Solon Springs for \$3505. This money will be put toward the shipping cost of the new compressor already in place. Demulling asked to have the windshield fixed in the small rescue vehicle and see if insurance would cover the cost. Department members also reported the fuel gauge doesn't work in that vehicle. Demulling suggested getting a quote before deciding on a plan to get it fixed. Department members have completed fire inspections for all but the apartment buildings.

New members – Two members left recently because they moved away. The department will contact others who have expressed interest in becoming members.

Letter to Dave Parnell – *Motion by Mullenberg, second by Palmer to send a letter to former chief Parnell limiting his being in the fire/rescue department building.* Copies of the letter will go to the Sheriff and Somerset Police Chief. Palmer agreed to prepare the letter for signing by commission members.

Other Business

Next meetings: Joint meeting, Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Village Hall.

Commission meeting, Monday, May 22, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Motion by Demulling, second by Palmer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Lawson, Secretary