

DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority  
Minutes of Budget meeting held December 19, 2023  
Fire Station #1 911 W Main St, DeWitt

- Call to Order                      The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by committee Chair Landgraf with all in attendance reciting the pledge of allegiance.
- Roll Call                              Roll call revealed Chair Kevin Garvey, Vice Chair Sheryl Landgraf, Secretary/Treasurer Brad Boron, and Member Charlie Young. A quorum was reported. There were 4 others present, and several other DAESA members joined the during the meeting.
- Approval of Agenda              Chair Garvey made a motion to approve the Budget meeting agenda, Secretary/Treasurer Boron seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
- Public Comments                  None.
- Discussion Items                  a.) Budget draft- After extensive discussion, the committee decided
- Chief will present 2 budgets at the January meeting. One budget would be the with Chief at his current status a 4.5 percent increase with the remaining funds to go to Capital Outlay. The other budget will be the one he presented at the meeting tonight.
- Additional Public Comments: Dave Barnett mentioned that there are needed repairs at the Olive and Riley stations. The stations have been neglected. He also asked why the City of DeWitt sees the need for a full time Chief.
- Lisa Braska asked where the City of DeWitt obtained the information that the residents expect a full time Chief as stated in the Budget draft discussion.
- Elizabeth June asked what the benefit of having a full time Chief is to Olive Township
- Tim Ball encouraged board members to do more research to learn what the members of the department do to make more informed decisions on the needs of the department. More recruitment is needed as well.
- Board Member Comments      Secretary/Treasurer Boron stated he was proud of the men and women that served on the department, and wants to make sure they are taken care of.

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Chair Garvey agreed with Secretary/Treasurer Boron and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for what they do for the department.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chair Garvey, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Boron to adjourn the meeting at 7:12p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by,

Lisa Braska, Recording Secretary  
DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority

Enclosed – Check Register

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval at the December 21, 2023 meeting.