

- Interior bay and meeting room lights have been repaired / replaced by DPW
- Member Bill Sanders completed his MFR class successfully and is signing up for Fire Fighter I and Firefighter II
- A few members will attend AVI training Thursday February 20, 2025 in Ingham county.
- Association voted to and purchased a battery-operated leaf blower to assist with clean up on P/I cleanups
- Members filled water barrels for tents for Christmas Market December 7th. 9 fire trucks were in the light parade. The majority of department members and families participated.
- The fire department family Christmas party was held after the light parade.
- Potential house burn training to be scheduled on Chadwick Rd.
- Barn burn in Riley Township this winter
- Department members will be assisting Santa with Christmas Eve present deliveries from 3pm to 6pm.

Public Comments

Matt Kuschel from Fahey Schultz introduced himself and stated he was there to support the proposal and is available to answer any questions.

Discussion Items

a. Officer Elections in January- Chair Garvey reminded everyone Officer Elections will be held in January

b. Mailbox invoice- Chief Braska presented an invoice he received from the Wildflower Meadows association. After board discussion, it was decided no action would be taken on the invoice. There will be a Mailbox Policy draft written and presented at the January 2025 meeting for approval.

c. Appreciation dinner- After discussion, it was decided the Appreciation dinner will be similar to last year, at Royal Scot. Garvey suggested a second appreciation event yearly, as a family event. Chair Garvey will organize the appreciation dinner this year.

Committee Updates

Budget Committee: Landgraf, Boron, Powell –Landgraf stated the budgets should be completed prior to the January meeting.

Truck/Equipment & Personnel: Powell, Hunsaker, and Young: no updates.

Old Business: a. Resolution of Healthcare Benefits for 2025- After board discussion, it was decided the budget committee will obtain a staff report from the city regarding cost and coverage changes for healthcare yearly, and a yearly decision will be made. For the current year, Hunsaker made a motion, seconded by Landgraf to exercise the Complete Opt-Out option for PA 152-Caps on Medical Benefit Contributions for the year.

Hunsaker requested a roll call vote for this motion:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Powell: YES

Hunsaker: YES

Landgraf: YES

Boron: YES

Young: YES

Garvey: YES

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

b. Communication Discussion- Garvey gave time for board members to review new communication recently received from Fahey Schultz. This will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

c. Request for Proposal for legal services- Hunsaker requested Chairman Garvey appoint a small committee to contact Clark Hill to have a representative meet and discuss their experience with similar organizations, and firm locations. Hunsaker and Garvey volunteered to meet with Clark Hill.

Landgraf made a motion to send RFPs to an expanded list of law firms including the firms previously mailed to, seconded by Hunsaker. The deadline for the proposals will be February 18th at 5:00pm, seconded by Hunsaker. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business: a. MML Insurance renewal - Hunsaker made a motion to renew the MML Insurance policy in accordance with the presented documentation seconded by Boron. MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Comments: Young inquired about a time change for the February meeting. A motion was made by Young to change the February meeting time. A work session will be scheduled at 6:30 with the regular meeting to immediately follow, supported by Boron. MOTION CARRIED

Hunsaker thanked everyone for their participation in the Christmas Market. Additionally, he thanked firefighters for their

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participation in the Santa Delivery, which he stated is also very important to the Mayor.

Garvey thanked the men and women for everything they do. He also thanked Chief Braska and complimented him on the positive moral changes at the department.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Powell, seconded by Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by,

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