

FRANKLIN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

(Originally scheduled February 4, 2019, postponed due to weather)

The annual meeting of the Franklin Ambulance Association, Inc. was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin Fire Hall. Directors present were: J. Distad, R. Kokesch, D. Nosbush, T. Sherman, and B. McCorquodale. Also present were Gruendemann, Pederson from the city; township representatives, and fire personnel.

At 7:30 p.m. Nosbush called the meeting to order with roll call showing McCorquodale arriving late.

Distad nominated Nosbush for his expiring two-year term, second from the floor, passed. Nosbush's term will be 2019-2020.

Nosbush called for approval of the agenda, there were no changes, approved.

Pederson read the minutes of February 5, 2018 which were motioned for approval as read by Sherman, second by Distad, passed.

Pederson presented the 2018 Treasurer's report with the total cash on hand as of 12/31/18 of \$84,564.81. It was noted that most of the only outstanding assessment had been paid. There were no additions or corrections to the 2018 Treasurer's report, which was motioned for approval by Distad, second from the floor, passed.

The assessments were discussed and it was questioned if the assessments could be used to supplement ambulance department costs as the ambulance no longer cash flows. McCorquodale explained training costs and commitments; there are 9 EMT's and plans to add EMR's and hopes to become independent of needing North to cover calls. The ambulance department spent a large amount of its funds to pay for a new cot and stair chair, call volume is down and reimbursement rates do not cover costs. The current assessment resolutions state that the assessment dollars must be used for equipment; the bylaws that state the association supports the needs of the ambulance service. Distad motioned to increase the assessments from \$25 to \$30/household/year; second by Sherman, passed. Pederson will send new resolutions for the townships (and city) to adopt allowing for the use of the assessments to cover ambulance expenses.

There was no new business. At 8:05p.m. Distad motioned to adjourn, second from the floor, passed.

Minutes by Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer

FRANKLIN RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

(Originally scheduled February 4, 2019, postponed due to weather)

The annual meeting of the Franklin Rural Fire Association was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, following the Ambulance Association Meeting at the Franklin Fire Hall. Council present were Gruendemann, Kokesch, and Sherman; staff present was Pederson and fire personnel.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Zempel of Eden, the agenda was approved as presented. Roll call included: Bandon 1, Birch Cooley 2, Camp 4, Eden 4, Norfolk 1, Palmyra 1, Sherman 2, City 3, Fire Department 9.

Trotter presented the Rural Secretary and Treasurer's reports. Trotter read the minutes of February 5, 2018, the minutes were approved. Trotter presented the treasurer's report noting the cash on hand of \$34,006.74 as of 12/31/18; correction of the date and total cash on hand of the financial statements were noted; the treasurer's report was approved as corrected.

Pederson presented the city's 2018 Financial Report; the Fire Relief paid for the radio for the new truck and the 1982 truck was sold with the proceeds split 80/20; the townships' net portion of the 2018 expenses is \$14,950.10 and the city's portion is \$14,950.10. The city financial report was approved.

Fire Chief Wiese reported that in 2018 there were 13 runs - 8 rural, 3 city, and 2 mutual aid; Trotter questioned the number of rural runs, Wiese is to check on this. A FEMA grant application has been submitted to replace turn-out gear; the current gear is outdated and needs to be replaced at estimated costs between \$4-5,000 per fireman.

There was no old business.

New business on the agenda included utility rates of the Fire Hall, the biomass system is not being used because wood pellets cost more than LP at this time. It was motioned and passed to leave the assessments the same (\$200 per section). Fire call rates were discussed and approved to remain at \$750 first hour and \$150 each additional hour. Discussed rescue calls and it was noted that insurance does not pay for rescue calls, the only thoughts were to call legislators about getting insurance to cover them and those not paid to go to collection. Trotter requested the clerk's update their names and addresses and to include their email addresses and phone numbers. It was motioned and approved to pay the city \$14,950.10 for 2018 expenses.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, with Norfolk to chair; adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Minutes by Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer