

## **FIRE COMMITTEE**

### **August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

A meeting of the Fire Committee met at the Amery City Center on: Monday – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Present: Alderpersons, Sharon Marks; and Rick Van Blaricom (arrived at 5:15) - City of Amery; Supervisor, Alan “Ace” Carlson, and Mike Gould – Town of Lincoln; Supervisor, Keith Karpenski – Town of Alden, and Fire Chief, Chuck Frohn.

Others Present: Clerk-Treasurer, Ben Jansen and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Taylor Larson.

**Approval of Minutes from April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – It was noted that Mike Gould was not included as “present” even though he was and had seconded a motion in that meeting.

***Motion by Gould, seconded by Karpenski; to approve the minutes with the noted correction.***

**Ayes – 4**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Election of Chair and Vice-Chair** – Being the first meeting of the Committee since the annual reorganization meeting the Committee must elect its Chair and Vice-Chair. Ace Carlson was nominated by Gould to serve as Chair of the Fire Committee.

***Motion by Gould; seconded by Marks; to approve Ace Carlson as Chair.***

**Ayes – 4**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

Keith Karpenski was then nominated as Vice-Chair by Gould. No other nominations were heard. Hearing no other nominations Chair, Van Blaricom instructed the clerk to record a unanimous vote in favor of Karpenski.

**Chief’s Report** – Chief Frohn gave an update on what has been going on in the Dept. The Dept. will be undergoing an ISO audit on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. The Dept. has also been participating in a lot of training including training on Electric Vehicles, grain bin fires, and farm accidents.

**Capital Improvement Plan Discussion** – Chief Frohn began the discussion by asking the Committee their thoughts on repurposing some of his capital fund for the current year. The Dept. decided not to purchase the piercing nozzle that was budgeted for at \$8,000. Instead, he would like to put that money towards new helmets for the turnout gear as about 15 of the helmets are out of date. The Committee felt that this was a maintenance issue and informed Chuck that he could do as he sees fit. The second item discussed was the portable radios that the Dept. uses. The Dept. bought 6 of them as a cost of about \$19,000 last year. Chief Frohn would like to purchase 6 more next year to ensure that they keep their equipment on a proper rotation schedule. Finally, Chief Frohn asked the Committee about a ladder truck and what their feelings were on replacing the current one. New ladder trucks are currently selling for over 1 million dollars and have a lead time of 4 years. The Committee felt that it was hard to commit at this time but asked Chuck to get quotes for the next meeting.

Another meeting was set for Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M.

***Motion by Carlson; seconded by Karpenski; to adjourn at 6:13 P.M.***

**Ayes – 4**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Jansen  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023