

FIRE COMMITTEE
September 11th, 2023

A meeting of the Fire Committee met at the Amery City Center on: Monday – September 11th, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Present: Alderperson Sharon Marks; and Mayor, Rick Van Blaricom - City of Amery; Mike Gould – Town of Lincoln; Supervisor, Keith Karpenski – Town of Alden, Supervisor, Jake Macholl – Town of Black Brook; and Fire Chief, Chuck Frohn.

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

Approval of Minutes from August 7th, 2023.

Motion by Van Blaricom, seconded by Gould; to approve the minutes as written.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion Carried.

Chief's Report – Chief Frohn started his report by talking about the recent ISO audit that the department went through on August 21st. Tentatively the department scored a 4, however official results will not be known for a couple of months. There are lots of firefighters taking classes for various things. He is also seeking to install snow stops and new gutters on the Fire Hall to help alleviate the snow pack issues in front of the garage doors that occur every year. His current estimate is approx. \$7,500 for both.

Motion by Van Blaricom; seconded by Marks; to approve Chief Frohn moving forward with the installation of snow stops and gutters.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion Carried.

Private Road Access Discussion – Chief Frohn was approached by members of the Fire Department who are concerned about accessing certain residences due to poorly maintained roads. It was the feeling of the committee that it would be up to the landowners of these areas to maintain the roads in such a way that fire trucks will be able to access. Chief Frohn will send letters to the affected property owners to alert them to this issue.

2024 Budget Discussion – Clerk-Treasurer Jansen provided the committee with a proposed budget for the department. It was noted that the water and sewer expense should be increased to capture the increased sewer rate and because of the new meter that was installed recently that will more accurately capture the water usage. Salaries should also be increased as the 2023 salary amount will not be enough. This item will be brought back before the committee in October.

Another meeting was set for Oct. 10th at 5 P.M.

Motion by Gould; seconded by Macholl; to adjourn at 5:51 P.M.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Jansen
City Clerk-Treasurer
September 13th, 2023