

## **Watervliet Fire Board**

### **Meeting Minutes December 16, 2020**

**(Meeting was conducted remotely via teleconference. Meeting meets OMA requirements and records are retained for Compliance and FOIA purposes)**

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by Chair, **Deane Fizzell**. The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

#### **Board Members Present; Fizzell, Bambrick, Stepich, Marvin and Brinker**

A **motion** was made by **Stepich** and supported by **Bambrick** to approve the **minutes from the November 17, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Brinker** presented the **November 2020 payables in the amount of \$37,075.30. A motion was made by Marvin** to approve the November 2020 payables. **Motion was supported by Stepich. All in favor, motion carried.** Copy of payables on file at the fire department.

Brinker informed the board that he and Marvin had signed the payables in November to ensure the monthly bills are being paid.

#### **Officer Reports:**

Captain Whitney gave a verbal report and update on equipment needs. Whitney reported that he has been coordinating with area departments to get a bulk pricing deal on refurbished radios and the cost of activation. Whitney stated that the estimated cost would be \$21,250.00 and the refurbished radios that would be purchased would hopefully carry the department for a couple years as they budget annually to replace the refurbished radios with new ones. The refurbished radios at an estimated cost of \$21,250.00 is vs an estimated cost of over \$100,000.00 to purchase brand new radios. **Marvin motioned to allow Whitney to purchase the radios (and activation) for a cost not to exceed \$21,250.00. Motion was seconded by Stepich. All in favor, motion carried.**

Captain Whitney informed the board that there are many maintenance needs as he continues to go through the equipment and vehicles. Bambrick instructed Whitney to continue working towards bringing equipment into compliance and bringing maintenance up to date to ensure safe and functioning equipment for the department. Whitney was instructed to email Chair Fizzell equipment repair cost concerns that exceed \$1,000.00.

#### **New Business:**

**WJFB 2021 Officer Elections** – After a brief discussion it was unanimously decided/agreed upon that the officers would remain the same for the upcoming year. Officers are as follows:

Chair – Deane Fizzell

Vice Chair – Patt Bambrick

Treasurer – David Brinker

Secretary – Melanie Marvin

Member At Large – Joe Stepich

**A motion was made by Marvin to keep the officers the same in 2021 as they had been in 2020. Motion was supported by Brinker. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**At 7:39pm a motion was made by Marvin and supported by Brinker to move out of the open meeting and move into closed session to discuss a confidential legal opinion.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Marvin, Bambrick, Stepich, Brinker and Fizzell**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Motion Carried.**

**A motion was made by Marvin to move into open session at 8:09pm. Motion was supported by Bambrick. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Board moved back into open session at 8:09pm.**

**Marvin made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Motion was supported by Bambrick. All in Favor. Motion carried.**

There will be a special meeting December 21, 2020 at 3:00pm. Meeting will be held via Zoom. Special meeting will be posted in accordance with OMA.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Melanie Marvin**