

**WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD**  
**September 5, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP**

7:00 p.m. Lenore Cook called the meeting to order.

Members present: Lenore Cook, Valdyne Schwallier, Adam Taylor and Rick Schoenborn

Members Absent: Sheryl Dietrich

Also present: Mike Gavin and Jon Alkema

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Meri-Beth Brouwer spoke on behalf of the fire department and that she is proud of the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department and how she is in full support of Chief Gavin and Deputy Chief Alkema.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **APPROVAL THE MINUTES**

Adam Taylor approved the Minutes from the June 6th, 2023. Rick Schoernborn seconded the motion.

- **APPROVAL THE BILLS**

Valdyne Schwallier approved the Bills to be paid for September, October, and November of 2023. Rick Schoenborn seconded the motion.

- **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE**

The resolution was brought to the Fire Board in support of the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief after the meeting on September 5, 2023.

Valdyne Schwallier supported the Resolution of Support and Confidence. Adam Taylor seconded the motion and was passed unanimously. Members absent was Sheryl Dietech.

**FIRE CHIEF UPDATES AND REPORTS**

Deputy Chief Alkema introduced the committee that is researching our new tanker trucks.

This committee consists of four firefighters: T.J. Tygesen, Jim Looks, Kris DeWit and Ben Leale. These members have researched every facet of what the truck packages will consist of, payment schedule, pre-pay chassis and knowing that there could at least be a two year wait for these trucks. Will also, be looking at the payment process for these trucks.

Also, will have a bid process for the old trucks like previous years.

As for training, we currently have three going through the MFR and three in the EMT training.

Fire Chief Gavin reported that the fire department received a \$10,000.00 donation from a David Long who passed away. With that donation the intent is to purchase a drone. Along with that purchase will come the training of firefighters to operate the drone. The cost of training will be \$150.00 per person for continuing ed. Would like to have 6 to 8 involved in this training. This will be a great opportunity for mutual aid. Deputy Chief Alkema stated that no additional coverage to our insurance will be needed.

Lenore Cook made a motion to approve training for six firefighters for drone operators. Rick Schoenborn seconded the motion.

Our new brush truck is finally in, and it is ready to be picked up.

We accepted the resignation of Brandon Cramer on 9/14/2023. We will be posting internally to fill our vacant full-time position. And yes, an exit interview will be completed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

7:55 p.m. Valdyne Schwallier made a motion to adjourn. Adam Taylor seconded.

Respectfully submitted:

Valdyne Schwallier