

**WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD  
DECEMBER 16, 2024, 7:00 PM AT  
TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP**

7:00 Lenore Cook called the meeting to order.

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

Also present: Mike Gavin, Jon Alkema, and Mark Bennett

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion made by Schwallier and seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, Board Meeting.
- Motion made by Schoenborn and seconded by Dietrich to approve bills to be paid for December 2024, January and February 2025.
- Tallmadge Charter Township appointed Valdyne Schwallier and Michael Eppink to a one-year term as representatives to the Wright-Tallmadge Fire Board.
- Wright Township appointed Sharyl Dietrich and Rick Schoenborn to a four-year term as representatives to the Wright-Tallmadge Fire Board.
- Motion made by Cook and seconded by Dietrich to appoint Valdyne Schwallier as the new Chairperson of the Wright-Tallmadge Fire Board. All ayes, motion carried.
- Motion made by Schwallier, seconded by Dietrich to appoint Adam Taylor as the fifth person to the Wright-Tallmadge Fire Board. All ayes, motion carried. Discussion will be held at Budget Workshop as to who will pay the fifth person on the Fire Board.
- Date for Budget Workshop selected as February 5 at 5:00pm at Tallmadge Township.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES**

- Dress Uniform - presentation by Kris DeWit for a new dress uniform. The request is to change the color to navy. The Fire Association will pay 50% of the cost, and Fire Budget #208 / 979 budget will pay the remaining 50%. Motion made by Eppink and supported by Dietrich to approve new uniforms as mentioned.
- Gavin talked about a New Blocking Traffic Device that is used in situations to block big fire equipment from being hit from an out-of-control vehicle. There is discussion amongst Wright-Tallmadge, Polkton, Coopersville, and Spring Lake Fire Departments as far as purchasing and using as a mutual aid device.
- Earned Sick Pay Update - Still scheduled to be implemented in February, however, it may be postponed. Language is still confusing.
- Budget Review - 208 / 930 Maintenance budget is tending towards possibly being over budget.
- 4 EMT have passed training.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyl Dietrich