

**Germantown Hills Fire Protection District**  
**313 Prairie Avenue**  
**Germantown Hills, IL 61548**  
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**November 5, 2013 7:00 p.m.**

**Germantown Hills Fire Protection District Board:**

Present:

Chris Zaremba, President  
Bruce Mathes, Treasurer  
Randy Nash, Secretary

Also present:

Chip Wilmot, Fire Chief  
Chad Dawson, Asst. Chief  
Ed Madden, Asst. Chief  
Lonnie Beckwith, Asst. Chief  
Victor Garza, Captain

President Chris Zaremba called the public hearing to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

**A motion** was made by Bruce Mathes to approve the minutes from October 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #1.**

Chris Zaremba stated he was going to go directly to the public comments section of the agenda.

**Public Comments**

Dave Petro from the Emergency Service Organization was in attendance to discuss the District's insurance renewal. Mr. Petro reviewed the insurance coverage's with the board. Dave noted there is a cyber liability coverage that could be added if they are interested depending on the amount of exposure and it is totally optional coverage. Chris Zaremba recommended the insurance renewal be put on the December agenda for approval.

**Chief's Report**

Chief Chip Wilmot gave his report and the run report for the month. Chief Wilmot reported he recommends approval of Brandon Kennedy, Nick Riordan and Ryan Williamson as part-time daytime firefighters. Ufring Ford has completed their repairs to

Medic 2. Ragan Communications has installed the radios and Knox Box and Signs Plus is in the process of lettering it. The alternator for Medic 2 is in the process of being rebuilt at P & G Keene. The following new equipment has been purchased: Various items for Medic 2, traffic advising LED lights and Turtle plastics cribbing (purchased by Association). One set of turnout gear and another helmet is on order.

The November training will be our annual SCBA fit test and SCBA training.

The lighting project has been complete and we are waiting on grant reimbursement.

Chip reported the 5K Run and Halloween costume contest were held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We also celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department that day as well. It was a very successful day.

### **Officers Report**

Asst. Chief Chad Dawson reported Heart Technologies has set up all of the emails for the Fire District board and staff.

Asst. Chief Ed Madden reported the department has two firefighters in basic training. There will also be training on hazardous materials in February at the fire house.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion regarding proposed Levy for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

Bruce Mathes explained to the board they have kept the levy at the same amount since 2011 and after talking to the attorney he recommends to move the levy up to no more than 5%. He will be looking at the numbers for a recommendation to approve the tax levy at the next meeting.

#### **Discussion and possible action regarding adjustment of Chief's Annual Stipends**

Bruce Mathes stated he recommends increasing the Fire Chief's annual stipend. Chris Zaremba questioned if all of the officers should be done at the same time and whether or not there should be a staggered compensation policy developed based on years of service. The board agreed to put together a policy.

**A motion** was made by Bruce Mathes to increase the Fire Chief's stipend to \$6,000 a year and the Assistant Chief's to \$4,000 a year. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #2.**

### **Human Resources**

None.

### **Treasurer Report**

Bruce Mathes presented the treasurer's report and bills.

**A motion** was made by Chris Zaremba to accept the Treasurer Report and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #3.**

Bruce Mathes reported a couple of checks received will be deposited into the bank account.

### **Secretary Report**

Randy Nash reported the minutes were posted on the website.

### **Communication**

Chris Zaremba stated he received a letter asking if the District was interested in an insurance quote. The board stated they were not interested at this time.

### **Annual Activities**

None

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting is December 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Bruce Mathes to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso  
Administrative Clerk