

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District
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January 3rd, 2023, 6:00 pm

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District Board:

Present:

Christopher Lee, President
Brian Christensen, Treasurer (arrived 6:12 pm)
Kelly Thannum, Secretary

Absent:

Officers/Staff also present:

Chip Wilmot, Fire Chief
Ryan Williamson, Division Chief/Administrator
Mark Shaw, Asst. Chief
Chad Dawson, Asst Chief (arrived 6:15 pm)
Lonnie Beckwith, Asst. Chief
Jai Windish, Division Chief-EMS
Jed Bauman, Paramedic

Absent:

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – President Christopher Lee called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 pm and roll call was taken.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.
 - a. **Regular Meeting of December 6, 2022** – A motion was made by Christopher Lee to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #1.**
3. **Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items** – None
4. **Officers Report**

Chip Wilmot gave the chief run report and equipment report. All three firetrucks passed the annual pump tests last month. However, the department will continue to look into the performance of the pump on 1606. January training will be on fire behavior and fire control. The department is in process to obtain a burn permit for the house across 116 from Germantown Hills Middle School.

Ryan Williamson – nothing to report

Mark Shaw stated that they were hoping to utilize the previously mentioned house for January training. The department is working on asbestos issues. Otherwise, they will use a media presentation.

They are getting the containers locked together on the Williams property. Williams Construction is providing doors to be used for training.

Installation of security cameras should be completed withing the next month. The Village of Germantown Hills and the Germantown Hills Fire Department will have their own servers.

Chad Dawson – nothing to report

Lonnie Beckwith announced that department vehicle maintenance is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th.

Jai Windish shared the aging report. He is in the process of filing liens in a few cases to collect.

Our report was accepted for the GEMT program for enhanced Medicaid payments.

Jai addressed the No Surprise Billing Act and estimated that it would impact a loss of \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year.

Jai will attend training on software update, Wednesday, January 4th.

Jai will pursue a grant (\$500-\$1000) from Caseys. This money will go towards the purchase of and advanced life support airways trainer.

5. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action regarding a purchase of Starcom radio equipment for interoperability with several neighboring departments

Tabled.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding establishment of policy around Germantown Hills Fire Department's role and responsibility in responding to calls for aid outside of our district

Discussion ensued. Brian Christensen asked officers to study policies of other departments for a starting point. Christopher Lee stated we should change the verbiage from "policy" to "guidelines".

c. Discussion and possible action regarding compensation of full- and part-time employees.

Ryan Williamson shared current area prevailing wage rates. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Christopher Lee to increase the pay range for full- and part-time fire, paramedic, and EMT employees by \$3.00/hour. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #2.**

6. New Business-None

7. Human Resources-None

8. Treasurer Report

a. Presentation of bills and payment of bills.

A motion was made by Brian Christensen and seconded by Christopher Lee. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #3.**

b. Review of Financials

Brian Christensen reviewed the financials. The board discussed.

9. Secretary Report

a. Review upcoming key dates, submissions, and annual schedule of activities –

None

b. Review matters to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

We will keep items 5a and b from Old Business.

10. Correspondence – None

11. Meeting Schedule – The next meeting is on February 7th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

12. Adjournment – A motion was made by Christopher Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #4.**

Kelly Thannum
Secretary