

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District
313 Prairie Avenue
Germantown Hills, IL 61548
309-383-4890
September 14, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Germantown Hills Fire Protection District Board:

Present:

Christopher Lee, President
Brian Christensen, Treasurer
Kelly Thannum, Secretary

Absent:

Officers also present:

Chip Wilmot, Fire Chief
Chad Dawson, Asst. Chief
Mark Shaw, Asst. Chief
Lonnie Beckwith, Asst. Chief
Ryan Williamson, Division Chief/Administrator
Jai Windish, Division Chief-EMS
Jed Bauman, Full time Paramedic

Absent:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call- President Christopher Lee called the public hearing/meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and roll call was taken.

2. New Business

- a) **Review, discussion and possible action regarding development of the FY 2021-2022 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance**
No public was in attendance.

A motion was made by Christopher Lee to approve the FY 2021-2022 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Public Comments-None

4. Next Meeting-Announcing the time of the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:10 p.m. and discussion of matters to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Adjournment-A motion was made by Brian Christensen to adjourn the public hearing/meeting at 6:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Administrative Clerk

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Absent:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call- President Christopher Lee called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and roll call was taken.

2. Approval of Minutes-The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

- a) **Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021-**A motion was made by Brian Christensen to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 3, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Officers Report

Chief Wilmot gave the run report and equipment report. The parking lot lights were changed to LED lights. The Association is working on the Halloween event for this year.

Chad Dawson stated they upgraded the computer in the EMS office.

Mark Shaw noted the training is on SCBA but next month it will be on search and rescue training at the tower with Spring Bay.

Ryan Williamson stated they are looking at the next full-time person as Phil Smith is going to part time for the department. Jai and Ryan have been discussing the need to find more paramedics, which has been extremely difficult. They are wondering if we can in the future, look at our own people that might be interested

in going through the training, if there was a department incentive program. Ryan and Jai will look at a potential proposal for the board to consider. They feel this is the best solution in order to get our own people to do the training with an incentive to stay.

Jai Windish discussed the EMS financials with the board. The billing still needs to be tweaked but so far it is going well. The new rates have been put in place and implemented and so far, there haven't been any resident discounts. He will bring the policies in draft form for the board to review for approval. The aged accounts with no payment haven't been decided yet but we aren't to that point of the billing process.

4. Old Business

a) **Public Hearing on FY 2021-2022 Tentative Appropriations Ordinance**
No public was in attendance.

b) **Approve Appropriation Ordinance for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year**
Already completed

c) **Discussion and possible action regarding developing an operating document for the GHFPD EMS department which defines roles and responsibilities for the staff.**
Chip Wilmot stated this is something that they are still working on.

5. New Business

a) **Discussion and possible action related to the Illinois Governor Executive Order 2021-22 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 88).**
Ryan Williamson noted this is a mandate for the vaccine but there is no system or process in place to implement the testing requirements.

Chip Wilmot noted half the staff are vaccinated and roughly half are not.

Christopher Lee stated we will need to have protocols and a policy in order to have the data and evidence to show compliance as we don't want to jeopardize our license with the State.

The board discussed possible processes in order to be in compliance with no system presently in place. The board discussed and agreed to:

- Ask for staff to voluntarily provide a copy of their COVID vaccine card
- Get a number of those individuals that will need to have testing at their full-time employment, thereby being covered under another agency's testing requirements
- Determine the impact on the department
- Seek guidance from the EMS Office or Fire Chief Association
- Continue to investigate in-house testing and alternatives

-Look for additional guidance from the Governor or legal counsel

All these steps show the department is acting in good faith to bring about compliance as there is no system or process by the State currently in place.

Brian Christensen will check with Reditus Lab to see if they can help or have any resources to assist the department.

Kelly Thannum will check with ICC to see if they have any information that will help.

Ann Sasso will reach out to Senator Stoller to see if he can help in any way.

6. Human Resources-None

7. Treasurer Report & Presentation of bills and payment of bills

a) Discussion and possible action regarding the authorization of bills presented for payment

A motion was made by Christopher Lee to approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #2.**

Christopher Lee thanked Brian Christensen for all of his work on the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

8. Secretary Report

a) Review upcoming key dates and submissions

The minutes have been posted to the website.

9. Review of Annual Schedule of Activities-The annual schedule of activities was reviewed.

10. Correspondence-Brian Christensen noted he received notice that the insurance company is modifying our pollution liability coverage.

11. Public Comments-None

12. Meeting Schedule-The next meeting is on October 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

13. Adjournment-A motion was made by Brian Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Thannum. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Administrative Clerk