

PROPOSED MINUTES

GRAAFSCHAP FIRE BOARD
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SERVING LAKETOWN AND FILLMORE TOWNSHIPS
April 19, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Yonker called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug DenBleyker, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Bob Yonker, Dave Grumney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Hofman, Bretton Prins

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Capel – GFD, Chad DeJonge – GFD

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2023 meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey and second by Howell to approve the minutes as submitted. Chair Yonker called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 3-0.**

3. UPDATE FROM CHIEF

DenBleyker updated the board on the retirement of Firefighter Wayne Mokma and the planned open house in his honor on May 6, 2023 from 10am -Noon at the Graafschap Fire Station.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The fire department is continuing to see recruitment/retention issues. The Fire Department is looking into programs/costs to improve the current insurances and mental health services offered to members as a retention tool.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. PUMPER/TANKER

DenBleyker discussed the need to move forward with a new pumper/tanker. The new truck will serve a dual role as an Engine and a Tanker. Rough costs were gathered and presented to the board. DenBleyker reported truck costs are around \$600,000 with equipment at \$50,000. Discussion ensued by the board. **A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Dewey to proceed with a solid spec/bid to take back to the Fire Board for final approval, not to exceed \$700,000 total project costs. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 3-0.**

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to adjourn the meeting at 8:23. Chair Yonker called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION 3-0.