

PROPOSED MINUTES

**GRAAFSCHAP FIRE BOARD
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SERVING LAKETOWN AND FILLMORE TOWNSHIPS
January 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Yonker, Tim Hofman, Patrick Dietrich, Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Graafschap Fire Department Chief Doug DenBleyker, Deputy Chief Mike Capel, Captain Dave Grumney; Laketown Township Manager Al Meshkin, Laketown Township Public Information Coordinator Jim Hayden

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes of the Sept. 6, 2023, meeting. **A motion was made by Hofman, second by Dietrich to approve the minutes as submitted. Chair Yonker called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE– MOTION APPROVED 4-0.**

III. UPDATE FROM CHIEF

a. 2023 stats

DenBleyker explained year-end statistics, noting a total number of calls at 774, which is a drop of 129 calls from the previous year.

b. Pumper/tanker

DenBleyker said the chassis is ordered. The department has not yet chosen the paint color.

IV. OLD BUSINESS -- None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Budget proposal

The board discussed the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget, agreeing to add \$10,000 to the "Maintenance" category for a total of \$40,000, and adding \$10,000 to the "Building Maintenance" category for a total of \$40,000.

Motion by Johnson, second by Dietrich, to recommend to each township board the approval of the Graafschap Fire Department proposed budget fiscal year 2024-2025 as amended. Chair Yonker called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

b. Fire board work shops

DenBleyker will email board members to set up workshops.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments

Yonker adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.