

PROPOSED MINUTES
GRAAFSCHAP FIRE BOARD
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SERVING LAKETOWN AND FILLMORE TOWNSHIPS
May 30, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Patrick Dietrich called the meeting to order at 7:57 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Yonker, Patrick Dietrich, Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Hofman

STAFF PRESENT: Graafschap Fire Department Chief Doug DenBleyker; Captain Dave Grumney;
Laketown Township Public Information Coordinator Jim Hayden

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes of the Jan. 11, 2023, meeting. **A motion was made by Johnson, second by Dietrich to approve the minutes as submitted. Dietrich called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE– MOTION APPROVED 3-0.**

III. UPDATE FROM CHIEF

New person hired as a paid on-call position, starts June 1. With the new hire, the department will have 13 paid on-call and three full-time positions for 16 total.

IV. OLD BUSINESS -- None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fire Board Chair Discussion

Motion by Yonker, second by Johnson, to name Patrick Dietrich chairperson of the fire board. Dietrich called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 3-0.

b. Staffing discussion

Johnson asked for an overview of benefits discussion over the last few months. The board recapped earlier discussions.

The board discussed funding options for future vehicles and equipment.

1. Benefits Comparison

The chief presented comparisons of benefits from other area departments.

2. Capital Improvement Debt Reduction Plan

Chief noted earlier discussion. Board continued discussion of setting money aside for future purchases.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS
No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Johnson, second by Yonker, to name adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. Chairperson Dietrich called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 3-0.