

Battle Lake Area Fire and Rescue Association

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

Members Present Jim Adamietz, Kevin Anderson, Mike Nelson, Chuck Reeve, Mike Holstrom

Others Present: John Salvevold, Wendy Molstad, Nic Drusch, Lois Reeve, Abby Johnson, Jeff Stabnow, Heidi Jorud and Police Chief Kent

Motion made by Jim Adamietz, seconded by Mike Holstrom to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2015 meeting with the change of replacing line 4 to read Jeremy approved the stormwater calculations CONCEPT but did not approve the plan. Motion accepted unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Adamietz, seconded by Mike Holstrom to approve the treasurers report as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mike Holstrom, seconded by Jim Adamietz to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mike Nelson and Jim Adamietz attended the last City of Battle Lake City Council meeting and they spoke about the current site, plan and options. Mike Nelson also presented to the board another land option which included maps that is south of Battle Lake in Clitherall Township. Mayor Reeve stated that the City of Battle Lake would not allow the new Fire and Rescue building be built outside of the city limits and that the City Farm property is still available. The cost of the land is \$10,000, and the cost to bring sewer to the site would be \$18,000 and to bring city water to the site would be \$40,000 which, he believes, would be the cheapest option for the Association. Mayor Reeve will bring a copy of the City of Battle Lake's storm water management plan to the next Association meeting. Marge Quammen, Battle Lake City Council member was present and said that she was in favor of the current site and that she does not like the Godel property. Mayor Reeve stated that Jeff Stabnow had resigned from helping with the engineering plans for the new fire hall. Jeff Stabnow corrected the Mayor by explaining again that he is and has never been an employee or had a contract for services and that all of his services that he has provided to date and in the future have been voluntary. Jeff told the board that he is willing to continue to provide his services to the board as a volunteer. The board discussed tabling the building/site discussion for three months.

Police Chief Kent was present to discuss the current and optional building sites. He suggested that the current site would not be a viable option due to traffic, parking and congestion issues. He suggested we look again at the Godel property or other sites within the City Limits.

Department Reports: Fire Chief John Salvevold informed the board that he is resigning as Chief. This is after 30 years of service to the Battle Lake Fire Department with 5 years as Chief. There were 4 calls in the past month. There will be a training exercise on Saturday with Fire Inc, a lunch will be provided. Evacuation training was also completed with the Fire and Rescue. The new radios are in and will be programmed shortly. The AED donation fund is now at \$2,000 and he would like to purchase two AED's with the money. One will be placed in Clitherall and the other will be put in Battle Lake. Motion made by Kevin Anderson, seconded by Jim Adamietz to purchase two AED's. Motion passed unanimously.

The Fire and Rescue Board would like to THANK JOHN SALVEVOLD for his 30 years of dedicated service.

Rescue Captain Heidi Jorud reported they had 9 calls in the past month with 117 calls to date. The Rescue squad was involved in the evacuation training and also had ATV accident training. They are finishing up with the 2015 calendar and should be completed within the next couple weeks. The Squad had chosen August 16, 2015 for the next turkey feed fundraiser.

Motion made by Jim Adamietz, seconded by Kevin Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.  
Motion passed.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7pm, at the BL CITY HALL.  
Respectfully submitted by Wendy Molstad