

December 6, 2007

The December 6, 2007 meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Charles Galbreath at 7:00 pm.

Voting Members Present: R. Hanna, C. Galbreath, R. Lillywhite, S. Whelton, F. Wilbrink, W. Whitehead, R. Pollok

Non-Voting Members Present: R. Wiegandt, R. Cole

Fire/ EMS Personnel Present: G. Risch, S. McGuire, B. Siegel, S. Davis, R. Oesterle

Other: None

Guests: Residents of Locke Township,

Consent Agenda (Agenda I):

Minutes of the November 1, 2007 Regular Meeting- No Comment

Checking Account Summary November 2007- No Comment

Operational Budget 2007- No Comment

Building & Equipment Budget 2007- No Comment

Capital Projects Budget 2007- No Comment

Motion by Mr. Pollok to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Lillywhite. Motion carried.

Public Comment (Agenda II):

Richard Dickinson: Resides in the northern portion of Locke Township, and expressed his concerns and unhappiness with NIESA no longer contracting with SSES.

Ronald Gruesbeck: Resides in the northern portion of Locke Township at 4400 Lovejoy. He voiced his concerns regarding the discontinuation of the SSES Contract.

Steve Gurlack: Resides in the northern portion of Locke Township, and voiced his concerns about the ending of the SSES contract. He felt that the closest fire department should respond.

Brian Pfeifle, Battalion Chief for SSES: Advised that SSES would continue to honor the mutual aid agreement signed with NIESA, and would continue to serve the citizens of northern Locke Township. The only thing that does not set well with them is the monetary issue.

Robert Davis, Locke Township resident: Asked if both of NIESA's ambulances are "tied up" where do we get an ambulance. Mr. Galbreath advised that 911 will dispatch the next closest available unit.

Robert Wortz: Resides in the northern portion of Locke Township. Expressed his concerns regarding the SSESAs contract.

Richard Dickenson: Advised that the tax money that comes from the northern third of Locke Township should cover the cost of the SSESAs agreement.

Sale of Building -627 E Grand River (Agenda III-A)

Mr. Galbreath advised that the building has been listed with Smeak reality, and we have heard nothing further at this time.

SSESAs Contract (Agenda III-B):

Mr. Galbreath advised the Locke Township residents that agreement with Perry Fire Department was not discussed when NIESA was formed. He advised that the agreement was something that Locke Township had in place prior to the formation of NIESA. When NIESA was formed the agreement was continued, but every year it has been harder and harder to get it approved by the Finance Committee. Discussion followed.

Mr. Galbreath advised that NIESA was not out to punish the Locke Township residents, and the coverage remains the same with the existence of the mutual aid agreement. The only change is monetary.

Mr. Hanna advised that the agreement was continued by NIESA as a courtesy to Mr. Galbreath, otherwise it would have ended years ago.

The Board asked Mr. Pfeifle if SSESAs received monetary compensation from other fire departments for which they provide mutual aid. He indicated they did not. He was also asked if SSESAs paid monetary compensation to the departments that provide them with mutual aid. He advised they did not.

Election of Officers (Agenda IV-A):

Mr. Galbreath indicated that the City of Williamston will be appointing new representation to the NIESA Board next Monday. With that in mind, he requested that the Board table the election of officers until the next Board meeting. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mrs. Whelton to table the election of officers until the January 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Lillywhite. Motion carried.

Building Committee (Agenda V-A):

NIESA / Williamston Fire: Mr. Galbreath advised that the construction is almost completed. They are still working on the punch list issues.

He stated that full time personnel and the ambulances will be relocating to the new station next Wednesday, and the Fire Department will be moving on December 15th.

Leroy Township Building Project: Mr. Galbreath advised that Mrs. Whitehead brought a counter proposal with her this evening from Leroy Township regarding the building.

He advised that no action is necessary on the proposal this evening, it is in their packets for them to review. He will also be forwarding it to Mr. Adams for review.

Finance Committee (Agenda V-B):

Nothing at this time.

Personnel Committee: (Agenda V-C):

Nothing at this time.

Comments from the Department Chief's, Supervisor, Biller (Agenda VI)

Chief Flynn: Reported that Leroy Township Fire responded to 8 calls in November, with half of the responses being for PI accidents. He advised that the Leroy Township station will be having Santa in for a visit this Saturday.

He advised the Board that the Rescue Truck needs some major repairs, he is estimating it will cost around \$6,000. He does not know if the vehicle is worth repairing, and wants to know how the Board would like to proceed.

Mr. Galbreath asked him to get some estimates regarding the repairs, and a meeting will be set up with the Finance Committee to discuss the options.

Chief Siegel: Reported that the Williamston station responded to 12 calls in November. They were primarily assist to the ambulance and auto accidents.

He advised that he had been spending a lot of time down at the new fire station. He reported that the washer and dryer have been delivered and installed. He said the dryer was damaged when it arrived, and we are holding up payment until it is repaired properly. The exhaust system contractor is do in on Wednesday or Thursday to complete their installation. On the 15th they plan on moving the necessary equipment to make us operational at the new station.

He advised that the Williamston station participated in the Chamber of Commerce light parade

Steve McGuire, EMS Supervisor: Reported that the ambulance responded to 75 calls with 26 of them refusals.

Comments from Secretary / Treasurer (Agenda VII):

Ms. Curtis advised that everything is coming together with the new station. We finally received the rest of the Office furniture, however the color does not match. The furniture company is in

the process of getting the problem corrected. The crew furnishings has also arrived, and has been installed.

The one concern is getting Broadstripe to install the cable/ internet. They have sent the installation out to a sub-contractor and hopefully it will be completed shortly.

Comments from Board Members (Agenda VIII)

Mrs. Whelton advised she is going to miss having Mr. Hanna on the Board.

She also asked if NIESA would be having an open house for the new station. She asked if we could set a date. Mr. Galbreath suggested that everyone check their calendars, and we would set a date at the next meeting. He is suggesting some time in April.

Mr. Hanna advised that he has enjoyed his four years of service to the NIESA Board, and indicated that if the Board needed anything he would be around. He advised that the State Representatives would like to be notified of the open house date for the building because they would like to attend.

Mr. Galbreath thanked Mr. Hanna for his years of service to NIESA. He advised that he valued Mr. Hanna's input, and felt he had been a good liaison for the City of Williamston. Mr. Pollok advised he had been a breath of fresh air.

Comments from Association Members (Agenda IX)

Mr. Wiegandt advised that the Williamston Firemen's Association is currently selling Christmas trees and wreaths, and sales are going well.

Public Comment (Agenda X):

Mr. Oesterle asked why all of the NIESA meetings are scheduled for the NIESA/ Williamston Fire station. He advised that the Leroy Township station has a meeting room, and felt it should continue to rotate. Discussion followed.

Mr. Galbreath advised they would look at it at next months meeting.

Adjournment (Agenda XI):

Motion by Mrs. Whelton to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm, seconded by Mr. Pollok. Motion carried.

Paula M Curtis, Secretary/ Treasurer

Date