



**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Rick McCluskey, Village of Sturtevant Administrator Amanda Gain, Village of Mt. Pleasant Trustee Bud Eastman, Village of Sturtevant Trustee Mike Rosenbaum, John Johnson

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Village Board Members Present:**

**Guests:** DC Ed Lockhart, DC Tom Stuckart, BC Mike Wienke, BC Dustin Ellis, BC Mike Cook, Jamie Adams

**Staff Members to the Board:** Chief Robert Stedman

1. **Roll Call** - Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Rick McCluskey
2. **Guests:** None
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Approval of October 8, 2020 Minutes:**

A motion was made by John Johnson and seconded by Bud Eastman to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting. **Motion Passed**

5. **SSFD Operational Report and Update:** Chief Stedman referred to the Operational Report that was dated March 4, 2021 that was distributed to the Committee Members.
  - a. We currently have two members off on FMLA for childbirths and two more scheduled in the next 2-3 months.
  - b. The total time off for the year to date as of February 28, 2021 for FMLA was 192 hours, sick leave 1077.75 hours, and Workers Comp 168 hours for a total of 1437.75 hours or about 59.9 (24-hour) shifts.
  - c. Battalion Chief John Radewan retired after 35 years with the Town of Mt. Pleasant and the SSFD. His last day on the SSFD was December 19, 2020.
  - d. Battalion Chief Steve Salvo retired effective February 14, 2021 after over 32 years on the Town of Mt. Pleasant FD and the SSFD.
  - e. Lt. Dustin Ellis was promoted to Battalion Chief effective 1-1-21 to replace BC John Radewan and Lt. Michael Cook was promoted to Battalion Chief effective 2-14-21 to replace Battalion Chief Salvo.
  - f. Christopher Heinz, Curtis Serdynski and James Davis were all promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 1-1- 21 and Anthony Wurster was promoted to Lieutenant on 2-14-21. These promotions were to fill vacancies due to retirements and promotions.



- g. Five new members were hired this year. One started on 1-3-21 and was a lateral transfer from the Caledonia FD. The other four were hired on 2-15-21 which is the day all five of them started a three-week training program. They complete their initial recruit training on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> and then will be assigned to 24-hour shifts. The new members are: Nathan Elderbrook (transfer from the CFD), Brandon Cruz, Ty Harper, Nathan Jensen and Benjamin Kastern.
- h. On an annual basis all SSFD members receive an annual physical exam. The exams were not completed in 2020 due to the Covid situation. Physicals were started early this year and will be completed by late March.
- i. We still have automatic aid agreements for emergency responses on I-94 with the Somers FD and the Union Grove Yorkville FD. In addition, we just completed another agreement with the Somers FD for emergency responses on Hwy KR - Kenosha Racine County Line Road.
- j. In the 2021 capital budget funds are available to remount one ambulance. The process has started at Foster Coach in Illinois that has completed our other 5 ambulance remounts. The vehicle will cost about \$180,000 including the power load system and new power load cot. It is expected the vehicle will be completed about July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- k. We did attempt to obtain approval for an increase in ambulance fees for 2021, but the Village of Sturtevant did not approve increasing the fees. This could be a major problem as in 2020 ambulance fee revenue was down by over \$450,000. This will be a problem with the 2021 budget again unless the issue is addressed. If the issue can not be resolved we will need to address it by our daily staffing assignments. The budget deficit falls on the Village of Mt. Pleasant unfortunately.
- l. The SSFD recently implemented an Adopt a Fire Hydrant program for both Villages. Citizens can sign up online to adopt a fire hydrant.
- m. The SSFD Technical Rescue Team has been busy with six new members completing training within the department. These members completed the Rope Rescue Operations and Rope Rescue Technician level courses before the end of the year. Rope Rescue is the foundation to teach the other technical rescue disciplines. The six members just completed the in-house training for Confined Space and in April they will be completing the training for collapse rescue.  
  
The SSFD Technical Rescue Team has responded to at least five roof and/or building collapse incidents since mid-January. Four of the incidents were during or just after the recent snowstorm that dumped the 13-15 inches of snow.
- n. Engine #9 has continued to have mechanical issues since last fall. Since that time, we have probably spent \$25,000 to \$30,000 on repairs. It just returned from the shop last week. And now had to have both alternators replaced. The new Rescue Pumper should be delivered in late summer of early fall this year.



- o. The SSFD continues to deal with COVID issues and we have had members that have been exposed to COVID resulting in them being quarantined for different periods of time. The exposures have mostly been from off duty and have been limited.
- p. The SSFD has continued helping the Central Racine Health Department with COVID testing and vaccinations at the Health Department. The partnership has been primarily with administering vaccines. We expect to be reimbursed for all or if not all at least most of our costs.
- q. We are having discussion with SC Johnson about Confined Space Rescue for in-plant confined space entries.
- r. The new Glidescope intubation devices were placed in service on 2-3-21 and as of 2-15-21 we were (3/3) in successful airways & successful saves. With 2/3 of the patients optimistically leaving the ICU unit as of 2-15-21.
- s. The SSFD and the Racine FD are having discussion with Ascension Hospital about the possibility of transporting critical/trauma patients to Milwaukee when Flight for Life or private transport services are not available.
- t. We are having discussion with the Union Grove Yorkville FD about a partnership with SSFD for an internship program. His partnership would provide potential recruits for the SSFD and at the same time provide the UGYFD with part-time employees.
- u. The following table reflects the number and percentage of calls per station for the year to date ending February 28, 2021:

2021 Annual Calls by Station Through February 28, 2021		
#7	213	26.6%
#8	210	26.2%
#9	278	34.7%
#10	20	2.5%
Mutual Aid	40	5.0%
Other	40	5.0%
Total	801	100%

- 6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:30 PM at the Village of Sturtevant Safety Building.
- 7. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by John Johnson and seconded by Mike Rosenbaum to adjourn.  
**Motion passed unanimously;** Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert W. Stedman  
Fire Chief