



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

Committee Members Absent: Village President Mike Rosenbaum

Village Board Members Present:

Guests: DC Ed Lockhart, DC Tom Stuckart, BC Wienke.

Staff Members to the Board: Chief Robert Stedman

1. **Roll Call** - Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chairman Rick McCluskey
2. **Guests:** None
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Approval of January 6, 2022 Minutes:**
A motion was made by Rick and seconded by John Johnson and Bud Eastman to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2022 meeting. **Motion Passed**
5. **SSFD Operational Report and Update:** Chief Robert Stedman referred to the Operational Report that was dated March 24, 2022 that was distributed to the Committee Members.
 - a. We currently have no members off on worker comp injuries. We currently have four members off on FMLA for off duty injuries/surgeries and one member off for a childbirth. A total of five members off on FMLA.
 - b. The total time off for the year to date as of February 28, 2022 for FMLA was 1,123 hours, sick leave 1,167.5 hours, and Workers Comp 89 hours for a total of 2,390.5 hours or about 99 (24-hour) shifts.
 - c. The crews are completed the final training on pump operations and the new engine was placed in service late next week. It took some time due to the fact we were waiting on heavy rescue tools to arrive from the distributor.
 - d. The SSFD did staff a Racine FD Station during the funeral of the Racine Firefighter this month with an engine and crew for about 5 hours.
 - e. In the 2022, CIP budget we have \$300,000 budgeted to remount two ambulances, initially the prices came in at just over \$160,000 each and we are working with Foster Coach to determine how to lower the costs without lowering the quality of the remounts. The pricing of everything we purchase continues to increase due to many reasons.



- f. The new Chevrolet Tahoe was purchased as planned in the 2022 CIP budget and we are in the process of equipping it with radios, siren and computer and it should be in-service late March to early April. There was a problem of not being able to order a 2022 as orders were no longer being taken, but we did find a 2021 with the state contract pricing in Milwaukee.
- g. The new Firefighter/Paramedic Recruitment has opened and advertised. We are doing open applications for both entry level and lateral transfer candidates. The applications are online and the application packets can be returned online as well. At the current time we have three open positions.
- h. We have been meeting with the architect regarding the addition to Station #8. It is anticipated the project can be bid out and construction could start by early July.
- i. The annual physicals for the majority of the members were scheduled during the last week of February. Some members who were on vacation or on FMLA still need to complete their physicals.
- j. In mid-February we conducted annual confined space refresher training for the SC Johnson Fire Brigade members. We also conducted annual refresher training for confined space entry and trench rescue awareness training for the Sewer and Utilities Department employees.
- k. Members of the SSFD Dive Team completed their annual swim certification in late February. The Unified School District allowed the use of the new pool at JI Case High School to conduct this training.
- l. Division Chief Lockhart has provided information that since the beginning of 2016 in the two Villages over 5,350,884 square footage of new buildings have been constructed or have been approved to be constructed. Obviously, this creates challenges for the SSFD in terms of new fire inspection requirements that we will need to address in the near future.
- m. We currently have five members enrolled in State Fire Officer 1 Certification course and five members enrolled in Fire Instructor Level 1 Certification course.
- n. As an EMS training center, we will be conducting American Heart Association CPR and AED training for different groups in the community. We have priced the costs to recoup most of our costs depending on who we are training. Costs for our local government we will receive our costs for books and AHA CPR cards. For private businesses and non-local government will recover book and CPR card costs and in addition our salary costs for the trainers.
- o. 2021 Calls for Service GIS map indicates the location of our calls and does provide some sound data in terms of expanding community emergency service needs.



- p. Lt. John Omelina completed his Certified Fire Explosion Investigator certification through the National Association of Fire Investigators. It should be noted he is the first member of the SSD to complete this certification.
- q. At the WI State Emergency Instructors Conference DC Tom Stuckart completed the first State Fire Instructor Level II Certification course successfully. He also co-taught a new train-the-trainer course being released titled "Entry Level Technical Rescue Class" The students taking the train-the-trainer represent the different technical colleges in the State and now they will teach the course in their College Districts. DC Stuckart was also instrumental in developing the curriculum as a member of a small group of instructors asked by the State Fire Training Office to develop the new course.
- r. The Village of Mt. Pleasant, Village of Sturtevant and the Village of Caledonia with Racine County are going to have a consolidated study completed between the SSFD and the Caledonia FD. At this time the SSFD has limited knowledge about the details as we find out more we will share the information with the Fire EMS Oversight Board. We have shared our concerns about previous studies and we shared that information with members of the SSFD recently.
- s. Racine County has scheduled a meeting for March 29th to discuss the idea of closet vehicle for emergency responses between the SSFD, City of Racine and the village of Caledonia. Again, we have shared information with members of the SSFD due to the fact there is a major difference between the closest station and the closest vehicle. The closest resource/vehicle needs to be apples to apples and not apples to oranges. In order to track the closest vehicle, it will require an upgrade in technology and the GIS system at the emergency dispatch center.
- t. We have been having an issue with the Village of Mt. Pleasant approving a contract for plan review services that included the plan review for Fire alarm systems and fire suppression systems. We conveyed our concerns, but the end result has been a challenge and we are not sure if it has been totally resolved.
- u. An update on the transport of the bariatric patient is that we are in communications with Community Care to possibly transport this patient once a month from his home to the hospital and back home so his catheter can be changed by the hospital eliminating his transports to the ER at all times of the day. We would schedule transport with off duty personnel and recoup our costs.
- v. The SSFD did receive from the State of WI eight (8) ventilators at no cost, but the value is about \$192,000. The SSFD EMS Medical Director will be on how to implement this equipment into our EMS operations which requires the development of protocols by the Medical Director and approval by the State EMS Office.
- w. During the month of February, we had 330 patient contacts with the following results in transports:



- 43% - Ascension – Racine (143)
- 29% - No Transport – (97)
- 26% - Aurora – MP (86)
- <1% - Ascension – Franklin (3)
- <1% - Aurora – Kenosha (1)

x. The following table reflects the number and percentage of calls per station for the year to date ending February 28, 2022:

2022 Annual Calls by Station Through February 28, 2022		
#7	255	29.1%
#8	210	24.0%
#9	313	35.8%
#10	28	3.2%
Mutual Aid	46	5.3%
Other	23	2.6%
Total	875	100%

6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 4:30 PM at the Village of Sturtevant Safety Building.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Rick McCluskey and seconded by John Johnson and Bud Eastman to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously;** Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Stedman
Fire Chief