

FIRE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD October 3, 2022

The Fire Oversight Committee met in regular session on October 3, 2022 at 5:32 p.m. This meeting was chaired by Mr. Kuhn.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mike Kuhn, Glenn Jirka, Dr. Mark Cross and Ransae Hall.

The Following Members were Absent: Mr. Lynn Cleveland

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Fire Chief Dan Alldred and Roni Saul, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Cross moved to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes Mr. Kuhn second the motion to accept.

All in Favor.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

July= 83
August= 94
September= 90

Increase in call volume so far this year about 5% over the same 9 months in 2021 801 (2021) 844 (2022)

Yearly total calls for service: 2021 = 1092 2020=1029 2019=1004 2018=984

As of today at 854 calls for the year.

Manpower situation / lack of/ is improving, though not at the desired level of employees yet. The pay rate increases that went into effect June 1, 2022 coupled with September 1, 2022 start of 24 hour in house paid personnel has brought in applicants and a couple new hires with several more being considered and/ or in the hiring process.

Unfortunately it appears that retaining/recruiting/ hiring personnel will be an ongoing issue. We are losing personnel to other larger departments, not just local but to out of state departments as well.

GFE has two FF/EMTB and an EMS only EMTB in Paramedic class with anticipated completion of early December 2022. This will help us with ALS staffing and we are looking forward to the addition of three Paramedics to staff.