

A regular meeting of the Rural Urban Fire Board was held at the Alma Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Alma City Manager Aeris Ripley. A quorum of the Board was present.

Roll Call

Board members present: Kevin Beeson, Ron Hunt, Tish Mallory, Doug Merchant, and Aeris Ripley.
Board members absent: Greg Mapes (arrived after roll call), and Daniel Wernick.
Others present: Curtis Dancer, Harold House, and Mark Williams.

Motion by Beeson, seconded by Merchant, to approve minutes of the November 21, 2022, meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Voting yes: Beeson, Hunt, Mallory, Merchant, and Ripley.

Voting no: none.

Absent: Mapes and Wernick.

Monthly Reports

Ripley listed reports for review.

Mapes arrived at 3:07 p.m.

Motion by Mallory, seconded by Hunt, to receive the following reports: Fire Budget Actual Ending November 2022, Rescue Budget Actual Ending November 2022, Fire Board Check Disbursement Report November 2022, and Rescue Check Disbursement Report November 2022.

Mallory noted they hadn't received the invoice for quarterly runs ending in September. Discussion followed. Finance Director Dancer will follow up on the issue. Ripley suggested a paper copy be mailed as well as an email copy of the invoice. Additional discussion followed.

Motion carried to receive reports.

Voting yes: Beeson, Hunt, Mallory, Mapes, Merchant, and Ripley.

Voting no: none.

Absent: Wernick.

New Business – Sumner Township Rescue FY 2023 Budget

Hunt explained his township hadn't budgeted enough for overhead and runs. Ripley said the issue had been brought to the attention of the Fire Board for discussion. Hunt said there wasn't enough millage money to cover costs. Discussion followed about allowable expenditures when fire and rescue millages are separated, millage renewals, administrative overhead costs, "up front" invoicing, and combining millages.

Ripley reviewed projected Rescue costs for FY 2024. Dancer indicated he could adjust invoicing as needed to fit budget requirements. Beeson asked for trending information to be added for both Fire and Rescue.

The group moved to projected Fire costs for FY 2024. Ripley noted that projections were based on the new formula. Beeson commented he was pleased to see no increase in the budget total and asked to have the total number of runs added. Discussion followed about bids for the new truck and expected costs. Public Safety Director Williams added bids are due back by January 5th.

Mapes asked about the \$50,000 annual contribution. Discussion followed about the fund balance and investments. Dancer said updated budget proposals will be presented in January.

Old Business

Ripley explained the Interlocal Agreement had received approval from Arcada Township. He will be taking the agreement to the next township meeting in January for signatures.

Public Comment

No other members of the public were present.

Motion by Mapes, seconded by Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m. Motion carried.

**Voting yes: Beeson, Hunt, Mallory, Mapes, Merchant, and Ripley.
Voting no: none.
Absent: Wernick.**

Sara Anderson, City Clerk

Date of Approval

