

**FIRE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 20, 2009**

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The Fire Oversight Committee met in special session on October 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Benson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Randy Benson, Scott Anding, Jim Lawson and Richard Pettit.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The following member was absent: Mr. Comer.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Dan Alldred, Fire Chief, Mayor Landis, Mrs. Jeanne Gentry, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Schwaberow, Ben DeGroat, Greg Hanahan, Bob Rohrbach, Anna M. Sizemore, Village Manager, several members of Fire/EMS department and the public.

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Mr. Benson introduced Jim Lawson, Richard Pettit, Scott Anding, and himself.

Fire Chief Alldred showed a power point presentation regarding the Fire EMS levy.

Lavonna Weinel questioned why the Fire/EMS is asking for money when she knows that the Rescue Squad has over one million dollars. She stated as a citizen she has the right to see the financial books, and asked if the Fire and EMS are running with two financial books. Just a few weeks ago she was taken by emergency squad, and was treated awful.

Chief Alldred apologized to Ms. Weinel for the way she was treated during the squad run, but he had not been informed of the situation. He explained that the Germantown Rescue Squad Inc. is a separate company, and is not the same as Germantown Fire/EMS.

Lavonna Weinel questioned Chief Alldred asking to see the financial books of the Germantown Rescue Squad Inc.

Chief Alldred explained that Germantown Rescue Squad Inc. is a separate company, and he has nothing to do with their financial books.

Discussion took place regarding the differences between Germantown Rescue Squad Inc. and Germantown Fire EMS.

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Steve Boeder questioned exactly how much money the levy would generate.

Chief Alldred replied approximately \$300,000.

Mrs. Gentry questioned what would happen if the Levy fails and the rescue squad is called.

Chief Alldred replied that once the funds are depleted September 2010 the Germantown Fire/EMS will start charging for each call. The surrounding areas charge \$800-\$1,200 for each call.

Mr. Scott Johnson stated the operations and the EMS funds are approximately \$200,000 each year.

Chief Alldred stated the fleet needs to be updated, one of the medics broke down during a call with a patient on board.

Mr. Koogle stated if anyone has questions please give one of the Council members a call or call Chief Alldred to get your questions answered.

Mrs. Gentry stated it is the Village's responsibility to inform the citizens of Germantown.

Mr. Pettit stated the donations that are received are paying for the Fire/EMS.

Discussion took place regarding the Fire/EMS expenses.

Mr. Greg Hanahan stated he was thankful that the merger between Germantown Fire/EMS and Germantown Rescue has gone well. Citizens must realize it takes a lot of money to keep these services running. The personnel were not trained years ago like they have to be now; this training is very expensive. Each person on the Fire/EMS gives a lot of their own time to serve the citizens of Germantown.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council