

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The special meeting of the Personnel, Public Safety & Protection Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Staton at 5:03 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Present: Steve Staton, Jerry Bollig and Phil Harms. Also present: Administrator Mike Gracz, Fire Chief Dave Bloom, Board President Jerry Luebke and Clerk Georgia Johnson.
3. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT.**
  - a) **Discussion of Fire/EMS District's Response Time.** Following a distribution, Chief Bloom stated items # a) and f) could be combined and noted the response times figures for the Fire Department are for the entire year. So far in 2007 there have only been 5 calls each having a 5-minute response time. Pages 3 & 4 of the report indicate the response times for the EMS (ambulance calls). There was considerable discussion.
  - b) **Discussion of Fire Prevention Activities.** Chief Bloom distributed a 2007 calendar which has been put together by Captain Eithun noting there are fire truck rides, Safety Day, an Oregon Safety Camp, National Night Out and so forth. There was discussion. When asked what the benefit of fire truck rides is in that it would be quite costly, Chief Bloom noted it is felt to be extremely beneficial—safety products are distributed and it is very educational. There was discussion.
  - c) **Discussion of Paid-Retention Program.** Chief Bloom noted they are in the process of recruiting volunteers for the program. There are posters throughout the community, banners on the outside of town, advertising on public TV and so forth. Bloom noted they are also starting a fire coop group consisting of citizens interested in helping with fire prevention activities, or a photographer interested in donating time, someone interested documenting the history of the department and so forth. There was discussion.
  - d) **Discussion of EMS Regionalization Study.** It was noted a request for proposal has been sent out with a return deadline of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Bloom will report the results when they come in.
  - e) **Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Village Board regarding Rutland's Request for Boundary Adjustment.** Chief Bloom noted this is an adjustment requested by Town of Rutland to detach property from the Stoughton boundary. This would even out travel distances and he supports the request. There was discussion including the number of votes the Village currently has on the Fire/EMS District Commission, whether this would have any affect on that number of votes, the need to have a 4-0 vote in order for the boundary adjustment to happen, the approval would need to take place one year before the actual change (which Rutland is going to request be waived), whether there would be any financial impact and so forth.
  - f) **Monthly Statistics Reports.** Included in the report under item # a) above.
  - g) **Additional comments as necessary.** None.
4. **ADJOURNMENT.** Bollig moved, second by Harms, to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Georgia Johnson,  
Village Clerk