

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

April 16, 2015

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Goral at 7:00 p.m.

Those in Attendance

Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Chairperson
John Volkmann	Griffith Safety Board Vice-Chairman
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Jim Marker	Griffith Safety Board Member
Gary Sutton	Griffith Safety Board Member - Absent
Greg Mance	Police Chief
Roy Schoon	Fire Department

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for Town Councilman, Bud Gaby, who passed away on Easter Sunday.

The following items were discussed:

Approval of March 12, 2015 minutes: Motion by Safety Board Secretary Purgert
2nd Safety Board Vice-Chairman Volkmann
Motion carried 3-0

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Police Chief Mance read the monthly report for March.

There was a slight increase in crime for March over the previous year, which equates to an increase of only two crimes. If you look at the five year average of March reported crime we are still at historic lows with it being down 33% this year.

We will be expanding the Neighborhood Watch Program. Officer Ghrist will be the head of this program as well as having other officers assist in this program. Officer Ghrist gave a presentation on the goals for Crime Watch Program.

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the March monthly report.

We are putting a new focus on utilizing our Facebook page to better promote our department within the community.

The rescue pumper bids are back with the truck committee reviewing those and when complete they will be forwarded to the Safety Board attorney for review.

The hiring process is complete with five applicants being placed on as probationary fire fighters.

VEST

Chief Czerwinski read the monthly reports for March.

FOP Post 161

nothing at this time.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Swearing in of new VEST member, Steven M. Schroers

Presentation of FD Award to Marty Michels and Steve Kovesci

Marty Michels has been a member of the Fire Department for 32 years. Mr. Michels is receiving the Fire Department certificate of recognition for his grant writing and procuring equipment for the department.

Steve Kovesci has been serving with the Griffith Fire Department for 39 years. Mr. Kovesci is receiving a certificate of recognition for his efforts to improve our department and the safety of our town's citizens.

Presentation of civilian FD Award to Cordarryl Jackson

On March 25, 2015 at about 8:15 p.m. Griffith Police and Fire Departments responded to a kitchen fire at 918 E. 40th Place. Heavy smoke was present in the stairway and common area of the building. Griffith Police Department and made sure that all the residents had exited the building and through an open door observed that the fire had been extinguished. Mr. Jackson was present in the hallway when the resident exited the apartment that was on fire. Mr. Jackson located a fire extinguisher, entered the apartment and put out the fire that had spread to the ceiling. Mr. Jackson's quick and selfless act prevented further spread of fire and kept fire damage to the kitchen area. The Fire Department is honored to give Cordarryl Jackson this civilian award.

Announcements

None

Questions/comments from the floor.

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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