

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

March 12, 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 - Absent
Gary Sutton	Griffith Safety Board Member
Greg Mance	Police Chief
Roy Schoon	Fire Department

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. The following items were discussed:

Approval of February 12, 2015 minutes: Motion by Safety Board member Sutton
2nd Safety Board Vice-Chairman Volkmann
Motion carried 4-0

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Police Chief Mance read the monthly report for February.

Chief Mance reported that crime was down 6% from February of 2014.

911 consolidation update – The most recent projection for completion is July with the addition of towers being the delay. Chief Mance feels that our transfer to Lake County won't be until October. When the towers are operational the consolidation will add one to two departments every two weeks and the towns with functioning towers would be the first to switch over.

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the February monthly report.

So far the Fire Department has distributed 24 of the 180 smoke detector and CO detectors. Chief Schoon read a thank you from Bill Leonard who received a smoke and co detector.

The Fire Department received a CN Railroaders grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 which will be spent on fire prevention material. This is a community employee volunteer grant. One of our firefighters, Michael Sipos, works for CN Railroad and they have given us this grant in his name.

Bid specs went out to advertise today for the purchase of the new rescue pumper.

Chief Schoon reported that members of the Fire Department were involved in Griffith High Schools Career Fair.

VEST

Chief Czerwinski read the monthly reports for February

FOP Post 161

No report at this time.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Approval of PD Taser purchase

A motion by Vice-Chairman Volkmann, seconded by Safety Board member Sutton, to approve the purchase of 25 Tasers for the Police Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of two FD vehicle PC's/tablet

A motion by Safety Board member Sutton, seconded by Vice-Chairman Volkmann, to approve the purchase of two Spillman tablets for the Fire Department command vehicles. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Fire Department new hire

A motion by Safety Board Secretary Purgert, seconded by Safety Board member Sutton, to approve the hire of Fire Department members James Hudson, Daniel Huzzie, Travis Litke, Michael Voyak, and Garrett White. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Officer John Mowery from Patrol Corporal to Detective

Promotion of Officer Kevin Strbjak to Corporal

Swearing in of new VEST member David Wilbert

Announcements

Safety Board Secretary Purgert read a thank you letter to Officer Hemphill from Tom Evans.

Questions/comments from the floor.

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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