

Committee Members Present: Chairman Rick McCluskey, Vice-Chairman John Johnson, Village of Sturtevant Administrator Mary Cole, Village of Mt. Pleasant Administrator Kurt Wahlen and Village of Mt. Pleasant Trustee Dave DeGroot.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Village Board Members Present: Mt. Pleasant Trustee Don Schultz and Sturtevant Trustee Linda Boscha.

Staff Members to the Board: South Shore Fire Chief Robert Stedman, Battalion Chief Dale Izydorek, Battalion Chief Jon Keiser, Division Chief Mark Pierce

Guests: FF/PM Bill Miller, LT/FF Kevin Banse, Ken Ottawaska.
Heather Asiyambi from the Mt. Pleasant Patch and Allison Bauter from the Journal Times.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Rick McCluskey.

2. Approval of June 6, 2013 Minutes: Motioned by John Johnson, seconded by Mary Cole.
Motion passed. Voice vote 5-0.

3. Operational Report: Fire Chief Robert Stedman referred to the Run Data Report which indicated the total number of calls to date is 1526. Chief Stedman also referred to the staffing spreadsheets for the months of April and May and stated that all stations are fully staffed.

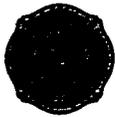
Chief Stedman said two (2) new firefighters started on May 6, 2013 and have completed twelve (12) weeks of training and now they are working a 56 hour work week. Chief Stedman stated that we have one (1) vacancy due to the passing of a member, three (3) people that are off because of long-term injury or illness, one (1) on workers compensation and three (3) that are on FMLA (Family Medical Leave)

Chief Stedman stated that he and the Mt. Pleasant Village Administrator Kurt Wahlen have had two (2) meetings with the workers compensation company (Aegis). Chief Stedman indicated the claims contact person has changed to the supervisor and feels optimistic about working through the workers compensation issues and getting people back to work quicker.

Chief Stedman said as soon as we can address those problems the sooner we can plug the flow of overtime that we have been experiencing.

4. Ambulance Update: Chief Stedman said that we continue to have vehicle repairs and it seems like every day there is something going wrong. Chief Stedman stated up to one (1) week ago the ambulance repairs were approximately \$20,000.00 and not all invoices were turned in because since then we have had problems. Chief Stedman said these are ongoing problems. Chief Stedman said a lot of work is being done by our assistant mechanics and by the people on the shifts. Chief Stedman said that the minor repairs they do are saving the department a lot of dollars and we will start tracking that. Chief Stedman also said they do preventative maintenance and get the vehicles back in service quickly. Chief Stedman said that we are thankful that we have people that are doing that.

Rick McCluskey referred to the South Shore Fire Department – Executive Summary – Ambulance Replacement Program 2013. Rick McCluskey said it was a highly thought out program and it sets a course for the Villages, resolves issues that we have had for the past three (3) or four (4) years. Rick McCluskey said that it gets the Village and the Fire Department back on a program where the equipment is replaced in a timely fashion. Rick McCluskey also said that he liked the information and data that was included in this very comprehensive report.



Chief Stedman referred to the South Shore Fire Department – Executive Summary – Ambulance Replacement Program 2013. Chief Stedman referred to **Page 3-Total Fire Department Capital by Village prior to consolidation**. Chief Stedman said dollars were being spent for Capital equipment and the replacement schedule was moving along; not just vehicles but also for breathing apparatus, air compressors, air cylinders and computers, etc. Chief Stedman said there are more than just vehicles in the Capital Improvement Program. Chief Stedman said the Village was being very responsible.

Chief Stedman then referred the next table on **Page 3-Total South Shore Fire Department Capital Funds Budgeted after consolidation**. Chief Stedman said you can see why the department is in the position they are in and we need multiple vehicles replaced as well as other equipment. Chief Stedman said based on the information in the two (2) tables the problem of limited Capital Funds being budgeted for a five year period resulted in the failure of the replacement of any vehicles within the department including ambulances.

Chief Stedman said that we have a number of people on the department that make up the Apparatus Committee. Chief Stedman stated that B/C Jon Keiser and the assistant mechanics on the department have done a very good job developing specs.

Chief Stedman said the result of the bids range from about \$175,000 to over \$200,000 for a new ambulance and range from about \$74,000 to almost \$109,000 for a remount ambulance.

Chief Stedman stated that the South Shore Fire Department is recommending going with the bid from Foster Coach Sales (Horton). Chief Stedman referred to the following:

Page 8-Ambulance Plan Replacement Schedule

Year	Vehicle	Replace With
2013-2014	Two (2) 2005 Ford Medtec's	Two (2) remounts – One (1) delivered late 2013 and one (1) delivered early 2014
2014	2005 Ford Medtec	Remount
2014	1998 Ford Medtec	New Ambulance
2015	2001 Ford Medtec	New Ambulance
2016	2001 Fore Medtec	New Ambulance

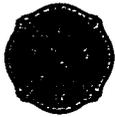
Chief Stedman referred to **Page 8-Ambulance Plan Estimated Costs and Savings which indicated total costs of \$912,000 and Page 9-Ambulance Replacement Plan Total Costs without using remounts costs which indicated total costs of \$1,170,000.**

Chief Stedman referred to **Page 9-the table that reflects the difference in costs between the proposed ambulance replacement plan compared to purchasing all new ambulances which indicated the total savings of \$258,000.**

Chief Stedman said that if this Committee wants us to buy new first we are willing to do that. Chief said we could flip and do the following:

- 2013 – One (1) New Ambulance**
- 2014 – Remount two (2) Ambulances**
- 2015 – One (1) New Ambulance and one (1) remount**
- 2016 - One (1) New Ambulance**

Please note the new ambulance will be able to be remounted in the future.



Chief Stedman said that they have a plan and a recommendation and are willing to flip the plan; if we flip the plan then we would recommend buying a Horton from Foster Coach Sales.

Dave DeGroot asked when do you plan to come to this group for a new fire truck?

Division Chief Mark Pierce said the following are in the 5 year CIP Plan:

2014 – New Command Car

2015 – New Engine and Tender

2016 – New Ladder Truck

2017 - New Quint

Rick McCluskey said we have our work ahead of us to get this back under control. Rick McCluskey said that it is obvious we need to replace the Engines and Ladder Trucks as well but he thinks the most important thing is to get these rescue squads up and running. Rick McCluskey said the ambulances need to be running and dependable so that the tax paying people in the Villages of Sturtevant and Mt. Pleasant have reliable equipment that they can depend upon.

Rick McCluskey said that he thinks the Ambulance Replacement Plan is an excellent plan and how that plan is executed would be between you and the Trustees on the Village Boards as to whether it's going to be flipped this year or flipped that year. Rick McCluskey said he would like to see come out of this Committee is an acceptance of your plan as it's proposed with the ability for it to be flexible and to flip it around as you (Chief Stedman) had discussed.

Sturtevant Village Administrator Mary Cole said she is just not sold on the remount because this is something that was not considered for so long.

Chief Stedman said there is no doubt in his mind that remounts will work if we do it with the right company. Chief Stedman said Foster Coach will be here on Tuesday June 11, 2013 with a new demo and a remount for us to look at.

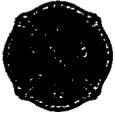
Chief Stedman said again if this committee wants us to flip the plan we are willing to do that but that is not our recommendation.

Chief Stedman said that we have a number of people in the department that have experience developing specs and working with vehicles. Chief Stedman also stated that he has been involved with purchasing over 20 ambulances and again it goes back to trusting the people that you are dealing with and the quality of the vehicle that you are going to remount.

Mary Cole mentioned that there is a one (1) year warranty but what if you get it and there is nothing but problems and you are pouring that money that you saved into fixing it.

B/C Keiser said that when we did the original remount proposal two (2) years ago Foster Coach would not participate in that because the quality of the vehicle that would come out would not be something that they wanted their name attached to because of what we were trying to do with the remount. B/C Keiser said that speaks for quality.

B/C Keiser said the focus on the 2005's are the least likely to have major electrical problems or other types of interior problems that would create a situation where we would be likely to visit them again. B/C Keiser said vehicles are vehicles and ambulances break and we cannot underscore the service that we received from Foster Coach and the belief in there product.



B/C Keiser said as best as we can assure anyone in the remount our level of comfort ability and that is why it's focused on maintaining that relationship with Foster Coach based on what they have shown for 25 years as far as how they operate and the principals they function under.

B/C Keiser said what will help to reinforce that is if you see what a remounted vehicle looks like on Tuesday June 11, 2013.

Dave DeGroot commended Chief Stedman on his plan. Dave DeGroot also said that he feels that we owe it to the tax payers to buy a new ambulance this year and look at remounts next year.

Chief Stedman said if this Committee is going to go with a new ambulance this year he would recommend looking at a demo to fit the Fire Departments needs.

John Johnson said the reason Sturtevant has been opposed to the remount is because in the past it was only talked about on the 1998 and it was not practical to remount it and there were too many modifications that needed to be made to the frame. John Johnson said this is the first time he has heard about remounting the 2005's.

John Johnson likes Chief Stedman's plan is the ultimate plan is the get better ambulances back out on the road. John Johnson said the easiest way to do that is to remount the two (2) ambulances, then buy a new one (1) in the future that you can remount over and over again.

John Johnson does have a problem with one (1) new ambulance, one (1) remount, plus the additional \$38,000 in 2014. John Johnson said with what the State has done to us on Levy Limits, he doesn't know if Sturtevant can do this without borrowing. John Johnson said the ambulances alone for 2014 is \$342,000 and then you have to start splitting that up and that will be determined on what the formula is for this year.

Mary Cole likes the plan but once Sturtevant gets the formula then they will know how to budget for Capital better.

Rick McCluskey motioned to accept Chief Stedman's Ambulance Replacement Plan with the replacement schedule to be amended as follows:

2013 – Purchase One (1) New or Demo Ambulance not to exceed \$180,000.00

2014 – Purchase Two (2) Remount Ambulances

2015 – Purchase One (1) New Ambulance and One (1) Remount Ambulance

2016 – Purchase One (1) New Ambulance

Dave DeGroot seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave DeGroot – I

Kurt Wahlen – I

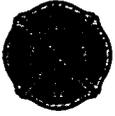
Rick McCluskey – I

John Johnson – I

Mary Cole – I

Motion passed (5-0)

5. 2014 CIP Requests: Chief Stedman said that this needs to be looked at a plan needs to be made.



- 6. Public comments and discussions:** Ken Ottawaska commented.
- 7. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Village of Mt. Pleasant, B109 Community Room 1 located at 8811 Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406.**
- 8. Adjournment:** Motioned by Kurt Wahlen, seconded by John Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
Motion passed. Voice Vote 5-0.