



Dassel Fire Advisory Board

Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by Chari Josh Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Members present: Jim Nielsen-City of Kingston; Josh Johnson-City of Darwin; Jeff Atkinson-Darwin Township; Bob Christofferson-Kingston Township; Kari Amundson-Dassel Township; Marie Thurn- City of Dassel. Members absent: Collinwood Township; Ellsworth Township. Also present: Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Dave Johnson, Fire Chief; Firefighters: Eric Dickey, Jaiden Bunn.

3. Secretary's Report - Approve January 29, 2025 Minutes

Approval of Minutes

Minutes:

Motion made by Amundson, seconded by Atkinson to approve the January 29, 2025, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

No additions were made to the agenda.

5. Open Forum

Minutes:

No one was in attendance to speak.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Minutes:

Chief Johnson reported there has been 80 calls in 2025. There are 2 new members that started this month, one of which has 13 years of experience. There are 21 Volunteer Firefighter members. There is 1 more going through the process. The new extrication tools that were purchased in November 2024 for approximately \$50,000 have arrived. The department is looking into getting new services doors which cost between \$5,000 - \$6,000.

7. City Administrator's Report

a. Review 2024 YE Revenues & Expenditures

Minutes:

Eckerly, City Administrator, reviewed the 2024 year to date revenue and expenditures reports. She reviewed why there was two State Aid payments in the same year. She explained that Hose Testing is a professional services so it should not be coded to New Hose line item. The amounts in Capital Improvement and Interest Earned are entries made by the City Auditor in March 2024.

b. Review & discuss preliminary 2026 budget and contracts

Minutes:

The preliminary 2026 budget and contract costs were reviewed. A motion by Atkinson, seconded by Amundson to approve the 2026 budget of \$368,198.53 and Fire Contract fees. Motion passed unanimously.

c. City of Dassel - 2025 Auto, General and Work Comp Insurance Premiums and Breakdowns

Minutes:

Eckerly, City Administrator, gave a verbal report on how the City of Dassel breakdowns the property and casualty insurance and worker compensation to each city department and which line items in the expense budget are affected. She reported a call from Brian Zeglen, Collinwood Township, requesting the group not schedule meetings on Wednesdays due to church meetings.

8. Business Items

a. Election of Officers

Minutes:

Members discussed that Collinwood Township had assigned Brian Zeglen in place of Randy Holm. There was a discussion if anyone was interested in any of the Officer positions. Motion by Atkinson, seconded by Nielsen to appoint Josh Johnson (City of Darwin) Chairperson and Kari Amundson (Dassel Township) Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Next meeting date - August 27, 2025 7:00 p.m., Dassel Fire Hall

10. Adjourn

Minutes:

Motion by Amundson, seconded by Atkinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.