

ROTHSAY FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWNSHIPS MEETING
Wednesday, February 7th, 2024, at 6:00pm
Rothsay Fire Hall
UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Township Officials Present: Brian Marquardt and John Danielson, Akron Twsp.; Dan Beske and Peter Fjestad, Carlisle Twsp.; Fred Hanson, Jr., Meadows Twsp.; Cary Danielson and Chris Watterud, Trondhjem Twsp.; Mel Ellis, Andrea Twsp.; Rick Drevlow, Oscar Twsp; and Marvin Peterson, Tanberg Twsp.

Others Present: Fire Department Members; Fire Chief, Jordan Barry; Assistant Fire Chief, Eric Larson; and Aaron Beeler; Mayor Joe Tillman; Council Members, Darrell Tollefson, Dana Holland Jr, and Nathan Ziegler; Amanda Kuschel.

1.0 Call to Order: Mayor Tillman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2.0 2023 Fire Report:

- ❖ Fire Chief Barry reported that the department had 114 calls in 2023.
- ❖ The Rothsay Fire Department was not awarded the AFG Grant for 2023, but recently applied for it again.
- ❖ Awarded the Grain Bin Grant from Ag Country.
- ❖ Awarded the DNR 50/50 Grant up to \$5,000.00. Will be used to go towards grass land/auto extrication gear. Will be writing the DNR Grant again for next year for more equipment.
- ❖ The Rothsay Fire Department received their turn-out gear and SCBA packs last May.
- ❖ Four new firefighters, Kristin Beeler, John Ophoven, Daniel (Kirby) Sunde, and Jase Kujava, joined the department to bring the total member number to 24.
- ❖ The Fire Department will not be seeking an increase for the 2024 contracts.
- ❖ Barry requested to please have the townships make a list of closed township roads and along with informing the fire department of flooded roads during the springtime to help with response time for calls. Also to keep driveways clear in case of an emergency.
- ❖ The Fire Department needs plat books for Otter Tail and Wilkin County. Asked townships to donate old plat books if possible.
- ❖ Please support the annual Pancake Feed being held on March 24th, as this is a very important fundraiser for the department.
- ❖ The Truck fund is sitting at \$91,000.00 currently.

3.0 2025 Township Fire Contracts: Contract amounts for 2025 will not increase. Total contract amounts for full townships will be \$3,150.00 and \$1,200.00 for the truck fund. The half townships amounts will be \$1,575.00 and \$1,200.00 for the truck fund.

4.0 Adjourn: MOTION by Ziegler, seconded by Holland to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

Chief Barry invited the township officials to tour the Fire Hall if interested after the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amanda Kuschel
City Clerk/Treasurer