

EGG HARBOR JOINT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Bertschinger Center
7860 State Hwy. 42, Egg Harbor, WI

Village Commissioners

James Petersen, President
Pat Gilday, Commissioner
Mack Bonk, Commissioner

Town Commissioners

Jeremy Schopf, Vice President
Clarence Scherer, Secretary
Bill Edwards, Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Schopf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Jeremy Schopf, Pat Gilday, Clarence Scherer, Mack Bonk and Bill Edwards

Commissioners absent: James Petersen

Municipal representatives present: Steve Schopf

Staff present: Fire Chief Justin MacDonald and Lynn Ohnesorge

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Scherer moved to approve the agenda, second by Gilday, motion carried.

4. Review and Approve Minutes from December 15, 2022 Meeting

Bonk moved to approve the minutes from December 15, 2022 meeting, second by Scherer, motion carried

5. OPEN SESSION – 10 Minutes

Scherer stated that the Commission doesn't have a copy of the bills. From his understanding, the Fire Commission should still be approving them because they Village wanted the Commission to do that.

Ohnesorge said John and Jim got together before Jim left for Florida and agreed that the bills should be left off the Fire Commission agendas. That's why they're not in the packet.

Bonk asked if the Egg Harbor Fire Department is part of the mid-Door fire group. MacDonald reported that that group is just Baileys Harbor and Gibraltar. Bonk asked why this is the case.

MacDonald said that group started back in the early 90s, mostly because of staffing issues back then already.

6. Fire Chief Report

December slowed down for the department. Just two fire calls, eight EMS calls, with three being in the village and five in the township. No other calls. That ended the 2022 year at 250 total calls, which was five less than 2021. The monthly EMR meeting, and one fire practice were held in December because of how the holidays fell. we just didn't The Chief and Lieutenant Weigand have sat through several zoom meetings in regards to the new software which has come along very well. Truck checks were conducted during the officers meeting. The Egg Harbor Department was the last department in the county to have a fire call in January, on the 23rd of January. The month ended with six fire calls. Some fire alarms and the biggest one was the house filled with gas, which actually turned out to be nothing. The safety on the stove actually shut the gas off. The Chief was more

than impressed with what he saw when he pulled on the scene. The department was ready for the worst. The other biggest call was the potential ice rescue on the 27th. Some ice shanties were floating on an ice break. A report was made to the DNR, the Coast Guard was called and the Gibraltar Police Department showed up and launched their drone about simultaneously as the DNR warden arrived. The DNR warden confirmed who the shanties belonged to so there was no concern. Although about an hour of time was spent on this call, because there wasn't 99% certainty the protocol was followed.

Gilday asked if the shanties are identifiable by something. MacDonald discussed putting some sort of identification on the shanties with the Coast Guard and DNR and one of the two were going to take care of adding some identification.

MacDonald reported that there were two EMS calls in January, one in the town and one in the village. Eight total calls in the month of January. The monthly EMR meeting was held and the EMR and EMTs began their refresher training in January. Half of the group finished it in January, and the other half just finished in last couple weeks. The fire practice was held January 10th which was one of the state required trainings for bloodborne pathogens along with reviewing ice rescues and cold weather emergency procedures. The CPR recertification for the entire department was held on January 26th. For other training firefighter, Ashley Staats, attended a 40-hour basic fire investigation training held down in South Milwaukee. She said it was very beneficial. Truck checks and the monthly officers meeting were completed. The officers participated in the monthly MABAS drill, which was an Egg Harbor radio drill. The Chief did not run the drill, he let Mark Bogenschutz run the drill. However, his radio died during the drill, so the Chief took over at that point. Overall, the drill went very well. The Chief was invited by the company who is installing the sprinkler system at the project down at the former gas station to do inspection before they started to drywall. The Chief discussed where to put the fire connection for the fire department on the outside with the contractor. The wet test will be completed in June. The Chief is going to try to arrange a walkthrough once they get a little bit further on the project so everybody can kind of get a little bit of a way out there.

7. EMR Report

This item was covered under item 6.

8. Correspondence

No correspondence for review.

9. OPEN SESSION – 10 Minutes

Scherer asked if the website as all the current SOPs.

No, the SOPs are not on the website. Scherer asked if they will be put on the website eventually. MacDonald said they will be but it is not a high priority. Scherer asked if the Village and Town both have copies. MacDonald said they should have copies of the updated SOPs as they were presented and approved at the joint meeting.

Scherer asked how the department is coming on an update on the new truck. MacDonald responded that the specs have been sent out to various vendors so we're just waiting for the specs to come back. Scherer asked if there is a deadline for having those back. MacDonald said the specs and prints are due back on the 22nd of March.

10. Set Date, Time, Location, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

The next meeting is April 20, 2023, at the Bertschinger Center at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

Bonk moved to adjourn, second by Gilday, motion carried.

Minutes completed by Megan Sawyer, Village Administrator, Village of Egg Harbor, submitted for approval April 20, 2023.