

Village of Balsam Lake Public Protection Committee  
Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 5:00 pm. – 5:41 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Jim Duncan

Members present: Corby Stark, Jim Duncan

Discussion and possible action regarding Village Fire Department and Fire Chief. Chief Brad Williamson and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Anderson updated the committee on the past fire hall election. Chief Williamson would like to step down as chief however no other fire department member ran for the elected position. Reviewing the bylaws for the Fire Department, if Chief Williamson were to step down as Fire Chief, the assistant Fire Chief would become acting Fire Chief for the two-year term. Mark Anderson expressed his negative experiences working with past Village Boards and his hesitancy for becoming an acting Fire Chief. Also, he noted there are a limited number of volunteer fire fighters as they are short of help and out of the current members five or so are responsive for calls with the others not responsive. Chief Williamson noted that they are working on increasing the mutual aid radius for county calls in hopes it will help with calls. The other surrounding fire departments are also struggling to attain members and future discussions may take place regarding forming an association. **Motion by Corby Stark to recommend to the board increasing the Fire Chief salary to \$3,000 per year and to allow Assistant Fire Chief Mark Anderson to be Fire Chief for one year. Second by Jim Duncan. All in Favor. Carried.**

To consider and possibly act to approve purchasing a new truck radio. Chief Williamson stated the old truck radio that was transferred to the new fire truck is no longer working. **Motion by Corby Stark to recommend to the board purchasing a new radio for \$2,601.63 and pay for the installation cost of \$160.00. Second by Jim Duncan. All in Favor. Carried.**

**Motion by Corby Stark to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Duncan. Carried.**

Lori Duncan, Clerk Treasurer  
Amy VanDeBrake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer