

Annual Meeting

CDH-Vergas Fire & Rescue Board
Monday, February 5, 2024, 7 pm
Vergas Fire Hall

In attendance:

Russ Berstler – Hobart Clerk
Julie Bruhn (Vice Chair) – City of Vergas
Joe Gerold – Dora Supervisor
Theresa Harthum, Rescue Captain
David Helgerson (Secretary) – Dora Supervisor
Terry Hockett – Hobart Supervisor
Larry Hoffmann (Chair) – Hobart Supervisor
Karen Lehmann, Treasurer
Bruce Moe (Board Member) – Candor
Tyler Schmid, Assistant Fire Chief
DuWayne Sonnenberg – Hobart Supervisor
Byron Zitzow, Rescue Chief
Jeff Zitzow, Fire Chief
Nic Zitzow, Captain

1. Audit Meeting January 29, 2024

Two payments received, one from Candor Township and one from City of Vergas, were miscategorized. Corrections made. Audit approved by all Townships and City of Vergas.

2. Annual EMS Report

- There were 115 total calls in 2023: Candor (21), Dora (6), Hobart (45), City of Vergas (43).
- Calls were comprised of Medical (70), Lift Assist/Fall (27), MVA (11), CO (2), DOA (1), Fire (2) 5K Looney Days and Maple Syrup (2).
- Time of Day, 5 am – 5pm (40), 5 pm – 5 am (75).
- There are 18 rescue members, 6 of which are also firemen. Recruited 2 new members this year.
- Byron Zitzow is the new Rescue Chief.

3. Annual Fire Report

- 25 Active Members, 3 new firemen.
- Matt Holzer is retiring.
- Purchases – 3 sets of turnout gear, boat graphics.
- Responded to 12 mutual aid calls.
- Zero training/incident-related injuries.
- Goals for 2024 – Retain and recruit new members, increased public fire prevention/awareness activities.

- Elected officers for 2024:
 - Jeff Zitzow, Chief 1
 - Tyler Schmid, Chief 2
 - Kevin Zitzow, Captain 1
 - Tyler Sazama, Captain 2
 - Nic Zitzow, Captain 3
 - Byron Zitzow, Rescue Chief 1

4. Rescue #2 proposed purchase:

Cost to purchase = \$200,000

Remaining amount on E1 = \$29,500 approx.

Current Truck Fund balance = \$21,319.41

Left over budget from 2023 = \$18,331.55

Transfer from General to Truck Fund = \$10,000

Truck Fund = \$31,319.41

Notes:

Pay off E1, Fire Department Relief Association Fund providing \$120,000 downpayment with remaining \$80,000 to be financed (SCB Public Finance) over 2 years at 4.3% interest with no early payoff penalty.

Tanker 1 to be replaced shortly after this truck.
Cascade approximately \$5,000 in repairs.

Motion made by Julie Bruhn to approve the purchase as described. Second by Bruce Moe. Vote approved.

5. Next Board meeting May 20, 2024, 7 pm, Vergas Fire Hall, to realign the Board with new members and assignment of officer positions.

Respectfully Submitted:
/s/ David Helgerson, Secretary