

**VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM
FIRE DEPARTMENT MINUTES
COUNTY OF EDWARDS
May 6, 2024**

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the West Salem Fire Department was held in the West Salem Fire House at 6:30 P.M. on the above date.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Fenton led the Pledge

3. Roll Call:

Present	Volunteer Fireman	Absent	Present	Volunteer Fireman	Absent
	Jason Arnold	X	X	Eric Goldsmith	
X	Sam Arnold		X	Royce Jones	
	Brandon Bare	X	X	Brad Lake	
	Darby Boewe	X		Dustin Leek	X
X	Jeff Bradham		X	Martin Swartzbaugh	
X	Jerry Bradham			Evan Thomson	X
	Mike Clark	X			
	Luke Donaldson	X			
X	Harvey Fenton				
	Jordan Fritchley	X			
X	Jared Giese				
	Tod Goble	X			

Others Present: Dennis Turpin, Bob Krajec, and Jake Jarvis.

4. Approval of Minutes:

The Motion was made by Jerry Bradham and seconded by Royce Jones to approve the Minutes for the April 1, 2024 meeting. Motion passed by unanimously by **Voice Vote**.

5. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Fenton stated that his remarks would be shared under 'New Business' on the Agenda.

6. Public Discussion/Comments from Audience:

Dennis Turpin and Bob Krajec thanked the Fire Department for inviting them to the meeting.

7. Officers Report:

- A. **Secretary:** Demonstrated the new MSA Air Pack and pass system (SCBA).
- B. **Training Officer:** Two electric vehicles, a Tesla and Ford F150, were looked over by the firemen.
- C. **Building Maintenance:** No report at this time.
- D. **Equipment Maintenance:** The ladder test was completed on May 6, 2024.
- E. **Run Reports:** No report at this time.
- F. **Purchase Requests:** None at this time. There was some discussion about needing a new stove.

8. Old Business:

None

9. New Business:


- A. **Training -SCBA** – A demonstration of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) was given during the Secretary's Report.
- B. **Traffic Extraction** – Chief Fenton discussed a traffic extraction he witnessed involving a Farm Tractor and SUV.
- C. **Meeting with OSHA** – Chief Fenton and Secretary Goldsmith discussed the recent OSHA meeting. The meeting went well. The Standards Operating Guides (SOGs) and Standard of Operating Procedures (SOP) have been revised with the date that they were adopted. The department is adopting a new 'lockout & tag out' system.
- D. **Hydrant Tool, Goldsmith** - Secretary Goldsmith recently attended the FDIC conference in Indianapolis. While there he saw a demonstration of a new hydrant tool that did not require threading; it twisted on quickly, saving time. He did not inquire about the price.


Other – The Chief reported that he and Secretary Goldsmith attended the recent MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) meeting in Albion. They reported that training for new recruits can be completed online, practical exercises can be completed in house under the direction of the Chief.

The Chief also informed the firemen that the Village is looking into a Referendum to purchase a new fire truck. Mayor Bradham explained that the Board approved going through the process at their April meeting. He explained that there may be a few more challenges than in previous years because the price of fire trucks has increased dramatically. The last truck that was purchased in 2013 was \$179,000, the price of a new truck today is estimated at \$475,000. The clerk is looking into what is needed to put this on the November ballot.

10. Adjournment: Time 7:23 P.M.

Motion: it was moved by Same Arnold and seconded by Martin Swartzbaugh to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M. Motion passed unanimously by **Voice Vote**.


Harvey Fenton, Fire Chief


Eric Goldsmith, Secretary