

**ROTHSAY FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWNSHIPS MEETING**
Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, at 6:00pm
Rothsay Fire Hall
APPROVED MINUTES

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

Others Present: Fire Department Members; Fire Chief, Jordan Barry; Assistant Fire Chiefs, Eric Larson and Cale Brandt; Mayor Shane Balken; Council Members, Heather Weber, Daryl Schleeter, and Nathan Ziegler; Amanda Kuschel.

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

2.0 2024 Fire Report:

- ❖ Fire Chief Barry reported that the department had 88 calls in 2024. Two structure fires, two vehicle fires, six grass fires, thirty-one vehicle accidents, thirty-five medicals, three rescues, one weather related, seven false alarms, one special/other, and two mutual aids.

Total calls per Township/City:

Andrea Township: 0

Akron Township: 5

Manston Township: 3

Meadows Township: 1

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Prairie View Township: 14

Tanberg Township: 11

Carlisle Township: 11

Oscar Township: 11

Trondhjem Township: 5

Rothsay: 25

- ❖ The Rothsay Fire Department was not awarded the AFG Grant for 2024 but will be applying for it again.
- ❖ The Fire Department received the dual certified grass land/rescue gear last May.
- ❖ Awarded the Grain Bin Grant from Ag Country.
- ❖ Will be applying for the DNR 50/50 Grant again for equipment needed.
- ❖ Rothsay Fire Department purchased \$7,000.00 of Milwaukee battery operated tools. These will aid us in rescue, auto extrication, and fire calls.
- ❖ One new firefighter, Patrick Lee, joined the department to bring the total number to 22.
- ❖ The Fire Department will not be seeking an increase for the 2026 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 April 13th, as this is a very important fundraiser for the department.
- ❖ The Truck fund is sitting at \$109,000.00 currently.

3.0 2025 Township Fire Contracts: Contract amounts for 2026 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 amount will be \$1,575.00 and \$1,200.00 for the truck fund.

“The City of Rothsay is an equal opportunity employer and provider.”

4.0 Adjourn: MOTION by Ziegler, seconded by Weber to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

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