

**Lanesboro City Council**

**Special Meeting with the Rural Board**

**Monday, February 8, 2021 7:00p.m.**

**Lanesboro Community Center Auditorium**

**Members Present:** Jason Resseman , Chase Bakke, Mindy Albrecht-Benson , Joe Goetzke , Mitchell Walbridge

**Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Deane Benson and Colin Bakke

The joint meeting was called to order by Mayor Resseman at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion began with the Ambulance Department; Director Benson provided an update on the department. Benson noted that there have been several procedural changes with the pandemic including the use of PPE. He stated that volunteers have adapted well. Weekly directors meetings have been held virtually to help with the changing situation and therefore guidelines. Four new EMT's were recently certified, which brings the number of EMT's on the service to 16. Benson also thanked Carrollton Township for their help in finding new headsets that allow for better communication between crew members as well as the patient. Finally Benson thanked Steve Snyder for his generous donation of N95 masks to the department at the start of the pandemic.

Assistant Fire Chief Colin Bakke then provided a report for the fire department. Bakke noted that the department also incurred several changes due to the pandemic such as virtual meetings, and additional required cleaning of equipment after a call. Through the CARES act funding there were able to purchase individual masks for everyone. The department continues to apply for grant funding for gear, equipment, and trucks. Bakke also noted that the department welcomed two new volunteers during 2020.

Administrator Peterson shared the proposed rate increase of 2% for 2022 and 2023, and discussed how this figure was determined.

A motion was made and seconded by the Rural Board to approve the per capita amount for Fire of \$45.84 as proposed by the City of Lanesboro. Motion carried all in favor. Council Member Walbridge motioned to approve the increase to \$45.84 for 2022 and 2023. Council Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

The Rural Board then completed their annual meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson  
City Administrator/Clerk