

# Marine City Area Fire Authority

**Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

Marine City Area Fire Authority Hall, 200 S. Parker St., Marine City, MI 48039

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Simons at 7:00 pm.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Present – Marine City Representatives; Vice-Chair Lisa Hendrick Treasurer and Steve McConnell. Cottrellville Township Representatives; Mary Agnes Simons and Tom Whitenight. East China Representatives; Chairman Larry Simons and Don Beaudua. China Township Representatives – Secretary Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust. Also present were Asst. Fire Chief David Vandenbossche and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

Marine City Representative Mark Posey was absent and excused.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

There was an amended agenda presented adding item 10 c. Cottrellville Twp. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.  
A/A M/C

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2016 board meeting as presented. A/A M/C

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche reviewed Fire Chief Slankster's submitted report.

He also advised that we had 2 ½" hose that could no longer be used in the fire service and was available if any of the municipalities could use it. He has 14 - 50' lengths of hose available.

He discussed the update to scene lighting that needed to be purchased for the trucks and that some of the existing truck scene lights could be rotated to other apparatus. He advised that we would need to purchase 2 new lights at \$1,300.00 each. He stated that they checked helmets and found that not everyone's needed to be replaced at this time and there may be left over funds from the helmets that could be used to purchase the needed apparatus scene lights. Larry Simons requested to get the amounts needed and we could do a budget amendment if necessary.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Lisa Hendrick reviewed the Fire Chief evaluation form that needed to be completed and sent to her so she could tally the results for the next meeting. She provided her email and street address to send or drop off the evaluations.

b. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche reviewed the quote for LED lights to finish the station lighting replacement with minor electrical wiring work. The quote was for \$10,000 to have it done or about \$3,500 for us to do ourselves. Julia Rust made a motion, supported by Linda Schwehofer, to purchase the lights and install ourselves. Tom Whitenight offered to assist with any inspections after the work was completed. A roll call vote was taken. A/A M/C

c. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche reviewed the quote from Breathing Air Systems to get our current air compressor up to standards and not replace it at this time. He advised that he met with the service technician for about an hour reviewing what needed to be done and how it could be maintained for now, along the possibilities of valves going bad and repair issues. He discussed certain issues that we are grandfathered with now and times that it could be down for repair. He also advised that they would also be sending us air test certifications. Linda Schwehofer made a motion, supported by Lisa Hendrick, to go with the quote of \$1,707.85 to have the repairs and upgrades done and not replace the unit at this time. A roll call vote was taken. A/A M/C . The Board also discussed planning for the replacement of the system on our 5 year plan.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Steve McConnell, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to continue with the same existing Board Officers. A/A M/C

b. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche discussed the quotes from Apollo Fire and Douglas Safety for the purchase of new helmets. Linda Schwehofer made a motion to go with the quote from Apollo Fire for \$5,580.00, supported by Julia Rust. A/A M/C

c. Mary Agnes Simons discussed Cottrellville Twp's finance issues and possibly needing a millage to pay for fire services. She also advised that she would like to have a Town Hall meeting with the residents. The Board members reassured her that they would help in any way possible to try and make it work for the township, including different payment options. She also advised that Chief Slankster has been very thorough in assisting and helping her with information. Trustee Matt Kovalcik, from the Cottrellville Twp. Board, spoke from the audience and discussed grants advised that he has a lot of experience with fire grants and knows others who have also received large FEMA grants and would help the Authority in applying for funding. He advised that the Authority has done everything right in merging the municipalities.

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Don Beaudua, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approve the disbursements through 02/09/16 as presented in the amount of \$46,072.51. A roll call vote was taken. A/A M/C

b. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to accept and file the Preliminary Balance Sheet and Finance Statement. A/A M/C

c. Don Beaudua, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to receive and file the Revenue / Expenditures statement. A/A M/C

d. The Board decided to keep the same Budget Committee members as last year; Larry Simons, Steve McConnell, Tom Whitenight and Julia Rust. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to accept the same municipality representatives from each community. A/A M/C

The committee would come up with a date on a Saturday morning in March to meet and the Public Hearing on the proposed budget would be before the next Board meeting on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Don Beaudua – none

Steve McConnell advised that everything went well at the Fireman’s Ball and it was a good time.

Linda Schwehofer thanked the firefighters for a good job and everything they do.

Julia Rust advised ditto to Linda’s comment.

Lisa Hendrick advised that the Fireman’s Ball was great and advised that we were doing a great job with the budget.

Jennifer Vandenbossche thanked the Board members for all of the support that they give the department and members.

Mary Agnes Simons thanked the Board for their support and patience.

Tom Whitenight thanked the department.

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche advised that it has been a quiet month.

Larry Simons thanked everyone and advised that Chief Slankster, Asst. Chief Vandenbossche and Jennifer Vandenbossche were doing a good job.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Don Beaudua, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A/A M/C  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator