

**Marine City Area Fire Authority**

**Minutes of Meeting Held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Meeting called to order by Lisa Hendrick, Vice-Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. in Larry's absence . After Pledge of Allegiance led by same, a moment of silence was observed.**

**Present: Tom Whitenight and Kelly Lisco, Cottrellville Twp; Steve McConnell, Lisa Hendrick and Mark Posey, Marine City; Julia Rust and Linda Schwehofer, China Twp; Don Beaudua, East China Twp; Also present Chief Slankster and Jennifer VanDenbossche.**

**Absent: Larry Simons. Motion by Steve McConnell, supported by Don Beaudua to excuse Larry. A/A M/C.**

**Communications: None**

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Don Beaudua to approve minutes of December 18, 2013 as presented. Supported by Tom Whitenight. A/A M/C**

**Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Kelly Lisco to accept as presented. A/A M/C.**

**Public Comment: None**

**Chief's Report: Report was received and placed on file. Chief wanted us to know that the Marine City Manager needed a draft of Budget by February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Unfinished Business: A. McBride-Manley and Company PC: Motion by Linda Schwehofer to accept proposal for services for 2015-2016. Supported by Steve McConnell. A/A M/C.**

**New Business: 2014 Election of Officers. Motion by Don Beaudua, supported by Kelly Lisco to re-elect the same slate of officers for this next year. As follows: Chair, Larry Simons; Vice-Chair, Lisa Hendrick; Secretary, Linda Schwehofer;**

Treasurer; Steve McConnell. Discussion ensued. Linda Schwehofer agreed to serve this one more year and after that will be giving up the position so someone else may take a turn serving. A/A M/C.

**Resolution # 2014-01 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WAIVING OF COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF MSA AIR PACKS FROM APOLLO FIRE EQUIPMENT.**

The preamble, motion was offered by Linda Schwehofer and supported by Don Beaudua. Roll Call vote was taken and passed by all present. No nays.

We had not received an out-of-state quote as of this meeting. MSA is the sole source to supply air packs in-State. We had \$43,000 budgeted for this purchase. They are demo packs and have been up-graded (included in the price). They have a 5-year warranty and by ordering early we were able to save approximately \$5,000.

**Financial Business: a. A motion was made by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Tom Whitenight to approve total disbursements, including Payroll in the amount of \$45,174.04. Roll Call vote was taken and passed by all those present. No nays.**

**b. 2014-15 Budget Rough Draft Discussion: There is an increase of \$4,800. In the budget overall. The \$43,000 will be left in to cover repairs. Julia Rust questioned why the big jump in December for firefighter/payroll and payroll taxes? Chief explained that in December there were so many runs, it amounted to pay-out to all. Visa bill had software for Quick Books, taxes, monthly payroll checks, phone expense was the 9-11 yearly expense. A Committee comprised of 4 (Steve, Julia, Tom and Larry) will meet at a time to be determined to work on Budget for up-coming year. Maple Landscaping; comment from Dave VandenBossche that the per push was causing higher costs for the Fire Department and for the months of February and March they will be giving a 50% discount.**

See chart showing percentages for each community based on volumes.

**Board Member Comments:** Steve McConnell explained that Butch Kinsvater from the St. Clair Area Fire Authority, as Chairman, approached him wanting to know if The Marine City Area Fire Authority wanted to resume talks about joint fire authority in future. The consensus was yes. Probably in March. Also wanted to thank the guys for the good, good job they have been doing, especially in this cold weather.

**Mark Posey:** Noticed how busy it has been and wanted to thank the guys for a good job!

**Lisa Hendrick:** She had fun at the Ball and wanted to thank everyone of the committee for all that they did and on saving so much money! We all appreciate everything the firefighters do.

**Don Beaudua:** Good job.

**Julia Rust:** Enjoyed the Ball. Food was good, nice turn out and the Music was loud!

**Linda Schwehofer:** Apologized that 6 of the fires had to be in China and that all the firefighters had to go out in that bitter cold to fight them! Sorry, but when she asked one of the Band members if they would please play a slow song, they replied probably not!

**Kelly Lisco:** Thanked Jennifer for everything she did for the Ball. It was a blast! The Band members were friends of hers. She is having issues on how to present to her residents the need for their involvement in the Authority. May need help from other communities on how to convince them. Maybe a brochure?

**Jennifer:** Nothing at this time.

**Tom Whitenight:** Really liked the air packs. What an upgrade from when he was a firefighter. Those old ones were heavy and had issues!

**Chief Slankster:** Stated that it was a busy month in January! There were a total of 11 structure fires; between the snowstorms and wind! 6 of those calls were in China Township. One of the calls turned out to be 7 hours! They were called

**in to take their water tanker to Yale, but were sent back. They were getting their water from Greenwood Plant. Also wanted to thank Jennifer for shopping around for the different supplies that they need, thus saving money!**

**Our Next Fire Authority Meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. Linda Schwehofer, Secretary, explained that she will not be here for the meeting. This will require someone else to take and type up the minutes that are generated at that meeting.**

**Dave VandenBossche commented that it was a big, rough month!**

**Motion by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. A/A M/C.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Schwehofer, Secretary**