

Marine City Area Fire Authority

Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 at 7:13 pm - Amended

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 7:13 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 Steve McConnell and Mark Posey. Cottrellville Township Representatives; Mary Agnes Simons and Tom Whitenight. East China Representative; Chairman Larry Simons. China Township Representatives; Secretary Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust. Also present were Chief Joe Slankster, Asst. Fire Chief David Vandenbossche and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

East China Representative Don Beaudua was absent and excused.
4. COMMUNICATIONS
None.
5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)
Chief Slankster requested to add item 10b. Personnel Action Forms for a new hire. Larry Simons, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to add item 10b. A/A M/C
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Steve McConnell, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 17th, 2016 regular board meeting as presented. A/A M/C
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
Asst. Chief Vandenbossche advised that he had attended last month's SCC Fire Chiefs' meeting and they were advised that the County Wide Paging system would need to be updated. The current system will only be tech supported by Motorola for another 6 months. The county will have to come up with funding for the new system. He advised that this was informational at this time wanted to make sure the Board was aware of the potential radio issues.
8. CHIEF'S REPORT
Chief Slankster reviewed his Chief's report. He went over some of the report information including the grant meeting that he and Asst. Chief Vandenbossche had with Trustee Matt Kovalcik and the Lenox Twp. Fire Chief. He and Asst. Chief Vandenbossche thanked Trustee Kovalcik for the meeting and information. He also advised that THEMIS was switching AED units next year and we may potentially have to look at changing our AED units also for compatibility issues. He would like to hold off on purchasing AEDs in this budget for that reason.
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
a. Lisa Hendrick reviewed the Fire Chief evaluation form that was completed by all Board members except Mary Agnes Simons. All evaluation responses were positive. The evaluation was signed by Chairman Larry Simons and Fire Chief Slankster and will be filed.

b. Julia Rust, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to approve the new '16-'17 Fiscal Year budget as presented. A roll call vote was taken. A/A. M/C Larry thanked the budget committee, Chief Slankster, Asst. Chief Vandenbossche and Jennifer again for their work.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lisa Hendrick reviewed an ADA handout that was informational regarding a recent review by the State Bureau of Elections. The DPW will put in a permanent handicap van parking sign. Chief Slankster asked that this be done as soon as possible because the lot may be getting some maintenance done. Chief Slankster advised that the door switch would now be left on and the door arm should not bend the other way now. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to let Chief Slankster take over handling the handicap sign issue and marking the parking lot for van accessibility. A/A M/C

b. Chief Slankster reviewed a Personnel Action form for new hire Kevin Smith. He does not have certifications at this time. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve the form for hiring Kevin Smith at \$9.00 per hour. Roll Call vote taken. A/A MC

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approve the disbursements through 04/12/16 as presented in the amount of \$50,650.09. A roll call vote was taken. A/A M/C

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

c. Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to receive and file the Revenue / Expenditures statement. A/A M/C

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jennifer Vandenbossche thanked everyone for their continued support and advised we should be getting insurance quotes for next year and they will be sent out as soon as possible after they were received. They try to wait because of market value for their quotes.

Lisa Hendrick thanked the budget committee again and discussed posting hiring on Facebook. Chief Slankster advised that he has posted it.

Steve McConnell thanked everyone.

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

Julia Rust thanked everyone.

Mark Posey commented on the good job by everyone.

Mary Agnes Simons advised everyone had been doing a good job.

Tom Whitenight gave out a 'kudos' to everyone.

Chief Slankster thanked everyone for their support and discussed a couple of opportunities coming up for live burn training and a couple of recent structure fires. He also asked the Supervisors to mention the MCAFA hiring during their meetings. Lisa also discussed notifying the water plant during hydrant use for fires.

Larry Simons thanked everyone. He also asked about any updates with Clay Twp. providing EMS services. Chief Slankster advised that is was at the State level and there were no updates.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43. A/A M/C The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 15th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator